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PEP COMICS

ACTION
DETECTIVE
ADVENTURE



HE'S A HIT!
the
HANGMAN

[illegible]



THE ONLY ONLY
SHIELD
WITH
DUSTY
THE SPECTACULAR
BOY DETECTIVE

A HOT BURNING SUN BATS
THE HEADS OF A MILLION PEOPLE,
WHO ARE COOLING THEIR SWELTER-
ING BODIES IN THE WATERS AT
CONEY ISLAND. IT IS IN SUCH A
PLACE, TEEMING WITH GAYETY AND
LAUGHTER THAT DEATH, THE GRIM
JESTER, CHOOSES TO MAKE HIS APPEAR-
ANCE AND THE SHIELD AND DUSTY THE
BOY DETECTIVE ARE FACED WITH THEIR
MOST BAFFLING MYSTERY IN THE CASE OF
THE **SIDE SHOW HORRORS!**

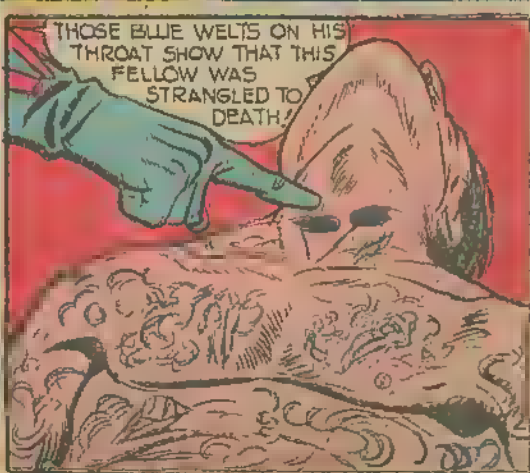
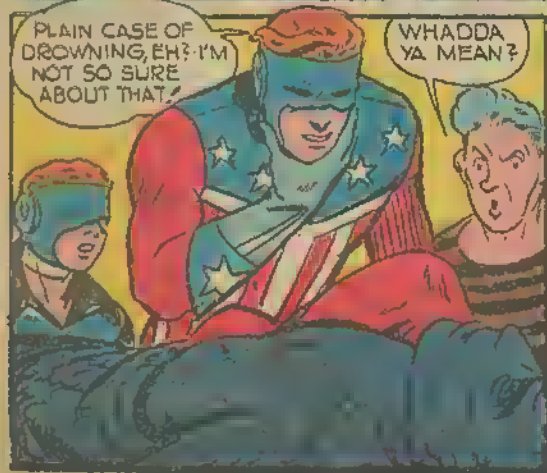
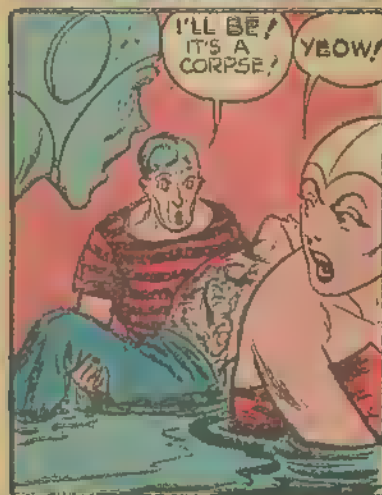
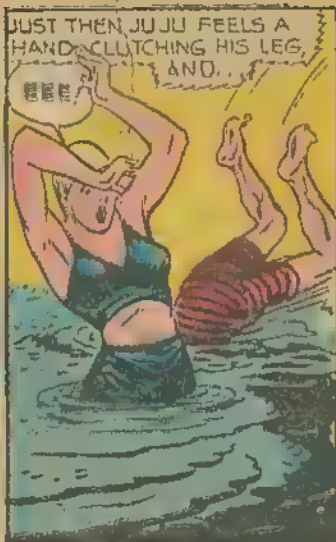
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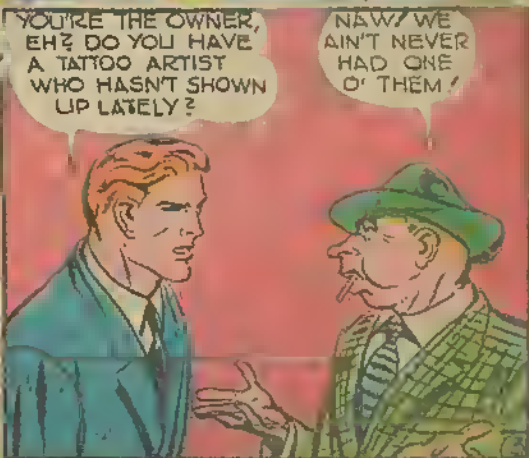
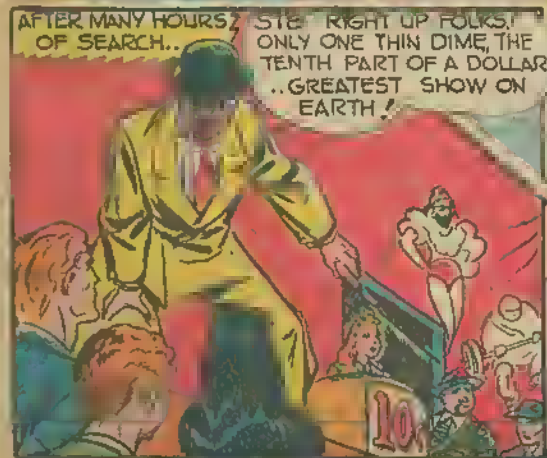
AMONGST THE BATHERS ARE JU JU
WATSON, BETTY WARREN AND MAMIE

CAREFUL,
SWEETIE
PIE!

AW, I CAN SWIM
LIKE A FISH,
MAMIE!

EK!



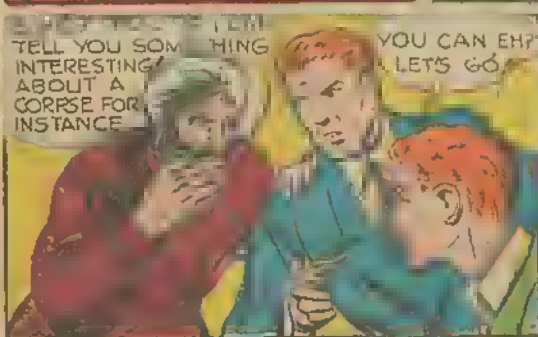


FROM OUT A SECRET PEEPHOLE, AN EVIL
PAIR OF EYES FILLED WITH BURNING
HATE GAZE OUT AT JOE AND HIS PARTY.



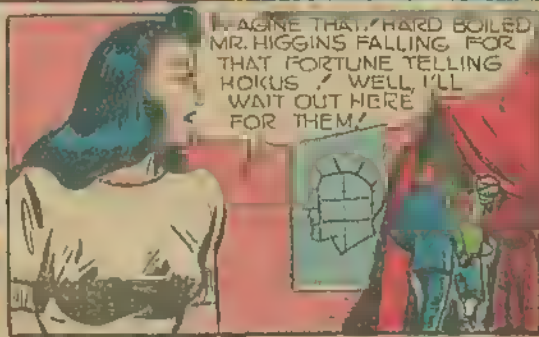
SAHIB, YOU
WISH YOUR
FORTUNE
TOLD BY ME?

NOT A
CHANCE!

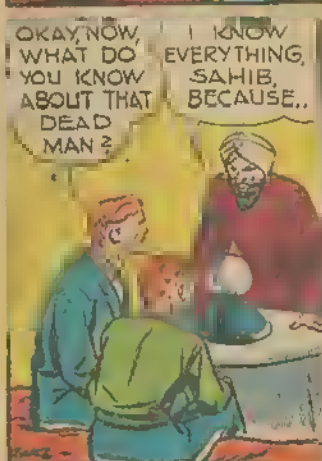


TELL YOU SOMETHING
INTERESTING
ABOUT A
CORPSE FOR
INSTANCE

YOU CAN EH?
LET'S GO



IMAGINE THAT, 'HARD BOILED'
MR. HIGGINS FALLING FOR
THAT FORTUNE TELLING
HOKUS. WELL, I'LL
WAIT OUT HERE
FOR THEM!



OKAY, NOW,
WHAT DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT THAT
DEAD
MAN?

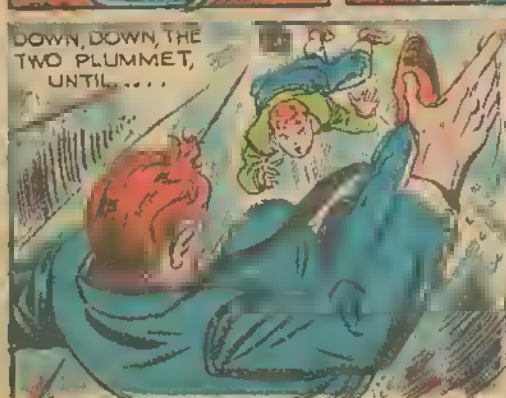
I KNOW
EVERYTHING,
SAHIB,
BECAUSE..



...I MURDERED
THE
VULTURE!
HIM!



YES! THE VULTURE! YOUR
LAST MEETING WITH ME,
MY FRIENDS, BECAUSE
NOW YOU
DIE!

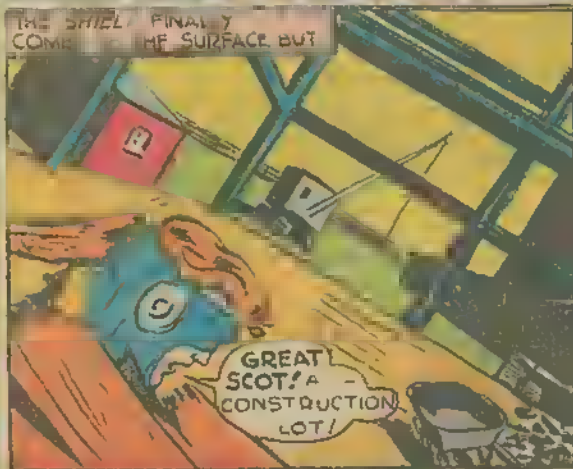
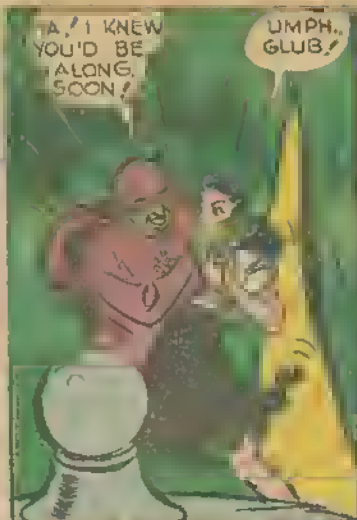


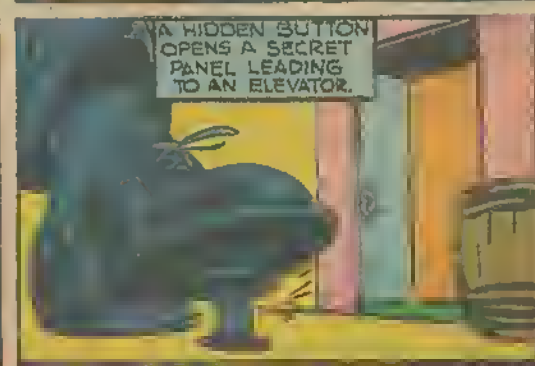
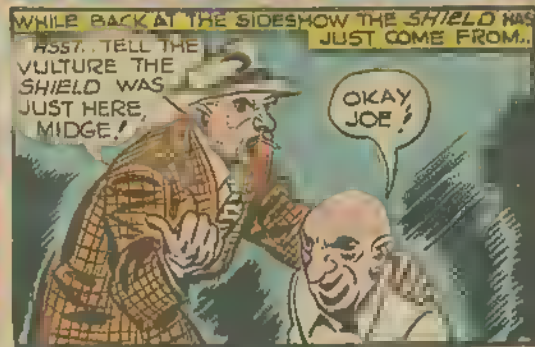
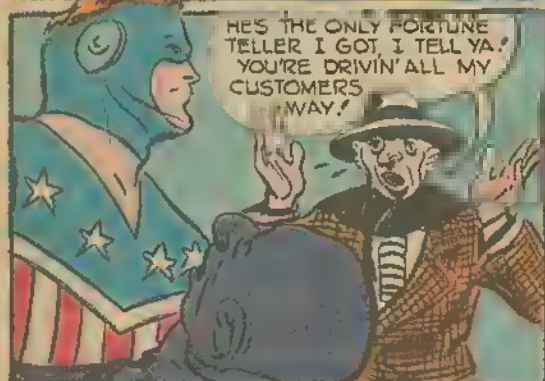
DOWN, DOWN, THE
TWO PLUMMET,
UNTIL....



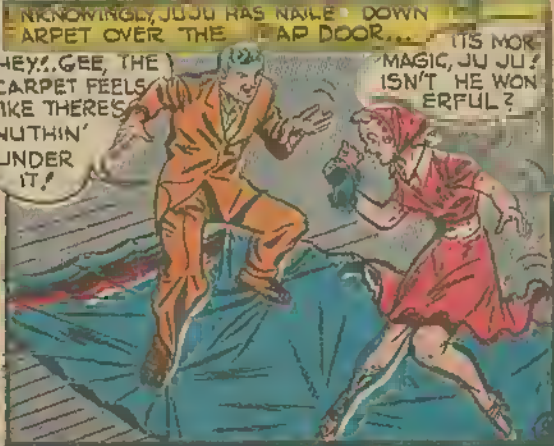
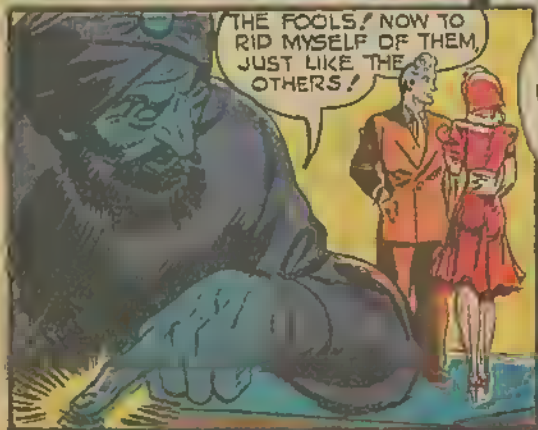
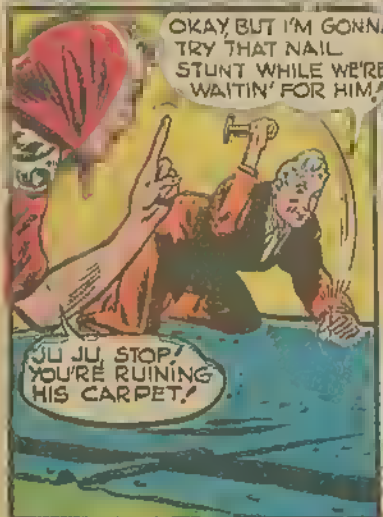
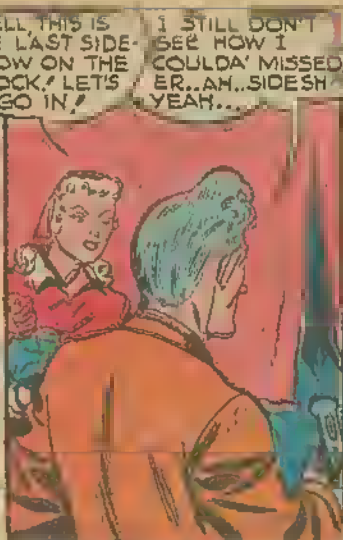
END OF
THE LINE,
DUSTY!

SPLASH!

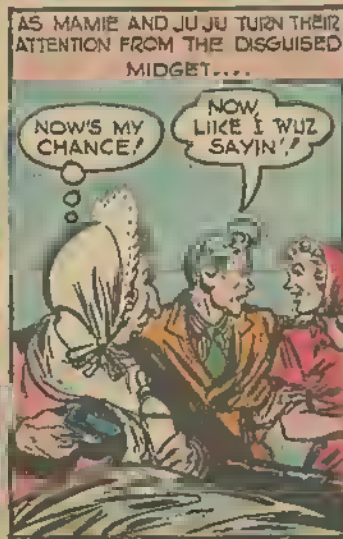
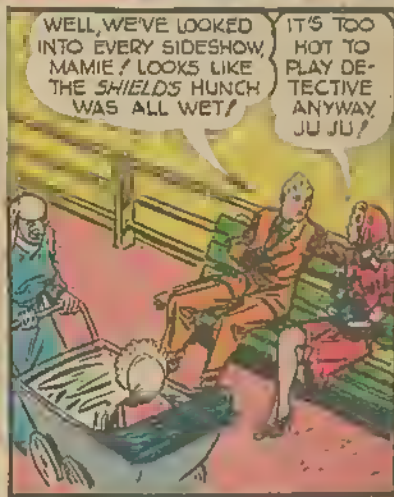
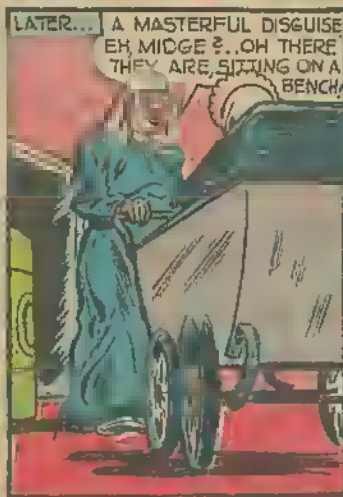
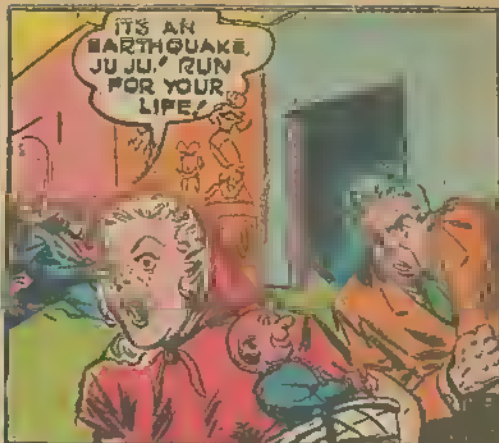


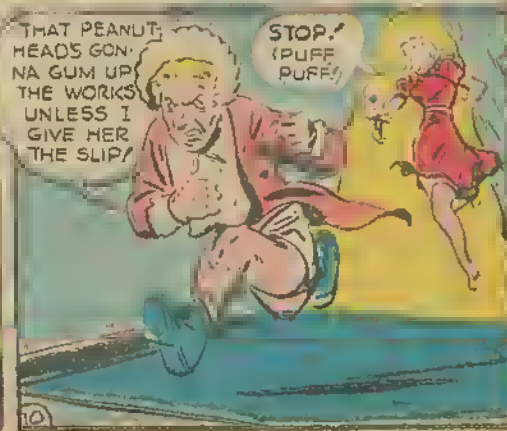
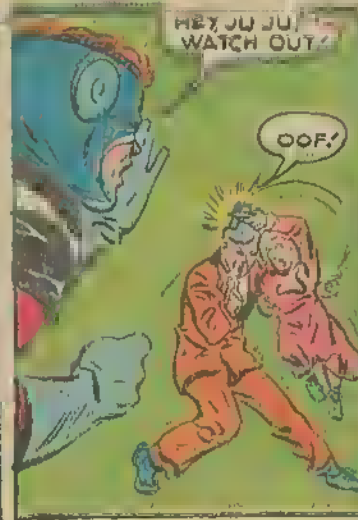






JUST THEN THE GROUND BENEATH THE SIDESHOW QUAKES VIOLENTLY, PITCHING JU JU AND MAMIE OUT OF THE TENT!





AH! GOT YOU NOW, YOU BAD LITTLE BOY COME HERE! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A GOOD SCOLDING!



SHAME ON YOU! RUNNING AWAY LIKE THAT! DON'T YOU KNOW A BOSSY MAN MIGHT GET YOU?



JUST THEN...

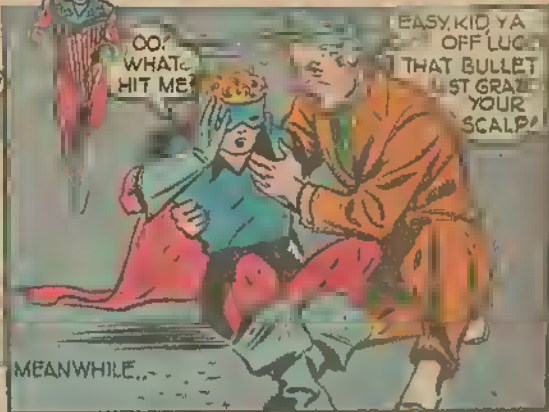


ULP.
GLUB!



GET THE ELEVATOR GOIN' MIDGE!

OKAY!



OO! WHAT? HIT ME!

EASY, KID YA OFF LUG! THAT BULLET JUST GRAZED YOUR SCALP!

MEANWHILE...



WHAT HAPPENED, DUSTY?

THERE WAS A MIDGET DISGUISED AS A BABY TRIED TO KILL US!

MIDGET, EH? MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE VULTURES' HIRELINGS!



IT ALL STARTED WITH THAT EARTHQUAKE WHEN MAMIE AND ME WERE IN THE SIDESHOW SHIELD!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE FELT NO EARTHQUAKE!

WELL WE FELT ONE, ALL RIGHT! IT ALMOST KAYOED US!



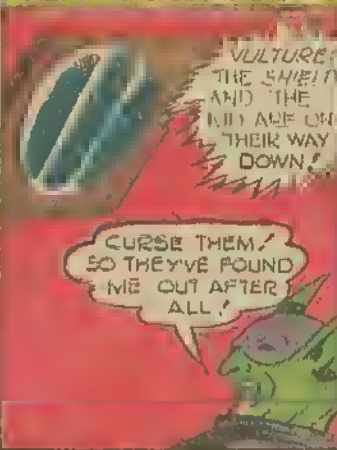
THERE IT IS, DUSTY! THE SIDESHOW WHERE JUJU FELT THE EARTHQUAKE!

AND IT'S THE SAME ONE WE SUSPECTED ALL ALONG, SHIELD!

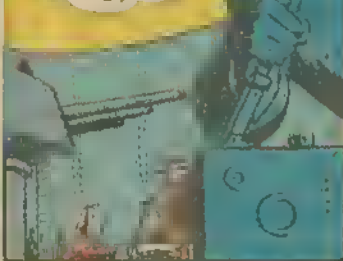
THE SHIELD AND DUSTY SEARCH THOROUGHLY UNTIL...



WHILE IN THE UNDERGROUND CAVE



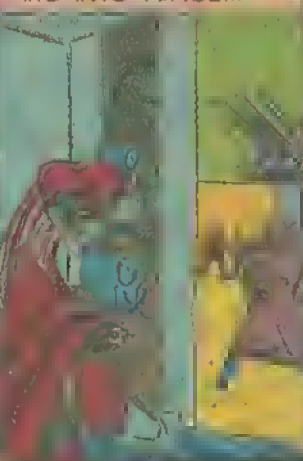
WELL, IT SHALL DO THEM NO GOOD! THIS SWITCH WILL SEAL UP MY CAVE WITH CAMOUFLAGED STEEL DOORS, SO THAT EVEN THE SHIELD WON'T FIND US!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT THE SHIELD REACHES THE BOTTOM LEVEL AND



THEY ARRIVE JUST IN TIME TO SEE THE DOORS SLIDING INTO PLACE...



THE SHIELD BRINGS HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH TO BEAR AND PREVENTS THEM FROM CLOSING!



WHILE ABOVE, JIJU WHO HAS SUMMONED THE POLICE ENTERS THE SIDESHOW....

THIS WAY MEN, HERE'S AN ELEVATOR SHAFT WITH A BUSTED DOOR! THE SHIELD MUST HAVE GONE DOWN HERE!



WHEN THE POLICE DESCEND INTO THE SHAFT, THEY WILL SEE...



UHP!

GREETINGS, GENTS! MY SCAVENGER FRIEND AND I JUST HAD A HEART TO HEART TALK!

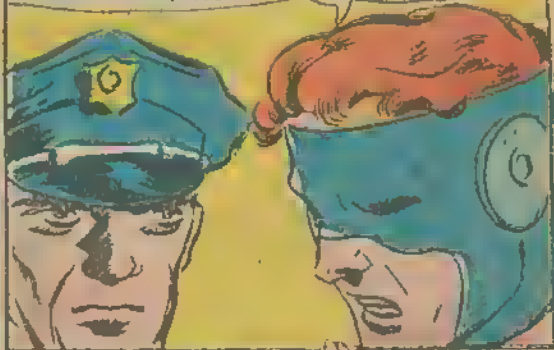
HOLY COW! THOSE CANNONS COULD GLAST THE CITY TO SHREDS, BUT WHAT'RE THEY HERE FOR?



SIMPLE! THE VULTURES IN THE PAY OF A FOREIGN POWER, AND HE WAS PAYING THE WAY FOR THEM IF THEY DECIDED TO INVADE! THOSE CANNONS ARE MOUNTED ON ELEVATOR PLATFORMS WHICH COULD EMERGE TO THE SURFACE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE!



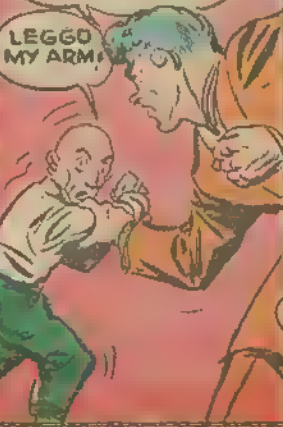
IT'S BIG MISTAKE WAS KILLING ONE OF HIS MEN AND THROWING HIM INTO THE OCEAN! THAT'S WHAT PUT ME ON HIS TRAIL! THE SIDESHOW IS JUST A COVER-UP! THE VULTURES TRIED PLENTY OF TRICKS, BUT THIS WAS THE BOLDEST OF ALL! AND THE LAST, I HOPE!



HEY...WAIT A MINUTE... BEFORE YOU TAKE 'EM INTO TOW!

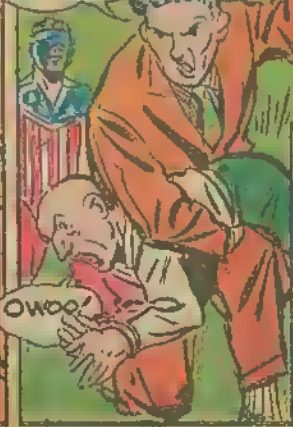


I GOT A LITTLE SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THIS SAWED-OFF RUNT! C'MERE YOU!



LEGGO MY ARM!

BOP ME OVER THE HEAD, WILL YA, WHEN I'M NOT LOOKIN'! I'LL SHOW YA!



WHAM BANG SOCK

OWOO!

THE NATION'S FAVORITE CHARACTERS, THE ORIGINAL SHIELD AND DUSTY THE BOY DETECTIVE, APPEAR ONLY IN PEP COMICS AND SHIELD-WIZARD COMICS!

THE HANGMAN

A MURDERING RACKETEER CROUCHES IN A DINGY HIDEOUT WHILE POLICE SCOUR THE CITY FOR HIM...IN VAIN. AND THEN, THE SHADOW OF THE GALLOWS FALLS ACROSS THE WALL... THE GUNMAN WHIRLS, HIS MOUTH DROPS OPEN, HIS EYES BULGE IN FRIGHT...THE TIME TO PAY HIS DEBT TO SOCIETY IS CLOSE AT HAND...THERE STANDS THE HANGMAN.



SOON, RACKETEERS AND TRIGGER-MEN ALL OVER TOWN ARE QUAKING IN THEIR SHOES!

AND THE HANGMAN FIGHTS ON, ROUNDING UP ALL KNOWN LAW-BREAKERS, AND TURNING THEM OVER TO THE LAW!



BUT IN HIS LAIR, THE JACKAL, MASTER CRIMINAL, FORMS A PLOT TO KEEP HIMSELF FREE OF THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE!

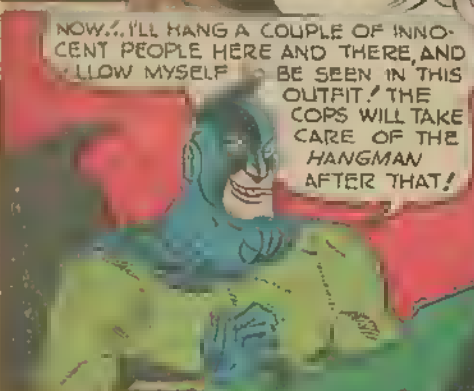
I'LL GET RID OF HIM WITHOUT EXPOSING MYSELF! I'LL POSE AS THE HANGMAN MYSELF!

SO THE HANGMAN IS AFTER ME, IS HE?

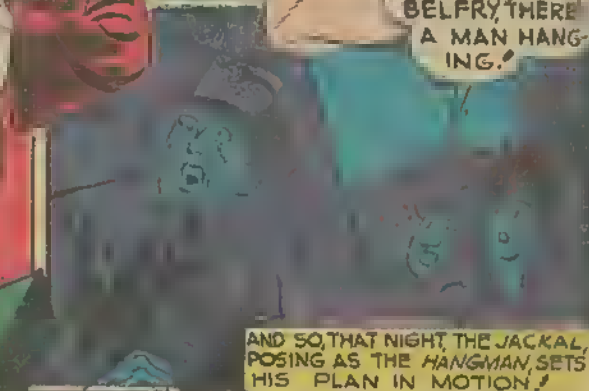


NOW... I'LL HANG A COUPLE OF INNOCENT PEOPLE HERE AND THERE, AND ALLOW MYSELF

BE SEEN IN THIS OUTFIT! THE COPS WILL TAKE CARE OF THE HANGMAN AFTER THAT!



LOOK..IN THE BELFRY, THERE A MAN HANGING!



AND SO, THAT NIGHT, THE JACKAL, POSING AS THE HANGMAN, SETS HIS PLAN IN MOTION!



HA, HA! NOW TO GO ON TO ANOTHER CRIME!



SAINTS BE
PRAISED!
WHAT FIEND
DID THIS?
THERE'S A
NOTE ON
HIM!



Let this be a
lesson to all
who dare to
fight the
Hangman.



SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY, THE
JACKAL MURDERS AND
HANGS HIS SECOND VICTIM!



SEVERAL PORTERS ARE PLAY-
ING DICE IN A CORRIDOR...

ROLL, BABIES! SPIN
ON, OVER AND UNDER!
I'M IN THE MOOD
FOR MONEY!



YES SIRREE... THIS IS
JUST ANTHRACITE'S
NIGHT, THAT'S ALL
DEY IS 'TO IT!

LOOK OUT
O' HERE, MAN!
LEMME CON-
SECRATE!



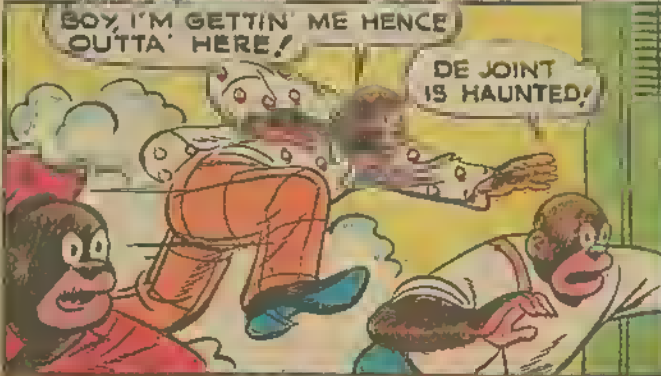
SUDDENLY....

WH..WHAT'S..
..DAT?



BOY, I'M GETTIN' ME HENCE
OUTTA' HERE!

DE JOINT
IS HAUNTED!



MY BODY'S WILLIN', BUT
MY FEET JUST AIN'T
COOPE-
RATING!



DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
I'M THE HANGMAN!

Y.Y. YES SIREE! I
KNOWS DAT. LOOK AT
DEM TWO THUMBS ON
DAT HAND. YOU
COULD SURE ROLL
DE BONES, BOSS!

I HAPPEN TO BE IN A
PARTICULARLY PLEASANT
MOOD, OR I'D HANG YOU
TOO! DON'T FORGET
YOU ARE!

NO SIREE!
I WON'T
FORGET BOSS!

NEXT MORNING, THELMA GORDON
RACES TO BOB DICKERING'S
APARTMENT...

WHY THE
RUSH,
THEL?

LOOK
AT THIS
PAPER,
BOB!

HANGMAN
SLAYS TWO

WHY DID YOU DO IT, BOB? WHEN
YOUR BROTHER, JOHN, WAS
KILLED BECAUSE... AS THE COMET
... HE WAS WANTED BY THE
POLICE, YOU PROMISED...

I PROMISED THAT, AS THE
HANGMAN, I'D STAY ON THE
SIDE OF THE LAW, AND I
HAVE. SOMEONE ELSE IS
POSING AS THE HANGMAN
AND I'VE GOT TO CLEAR MY
NAME. COME
ON, WE'RE
GOING TO
THE D.A.!

BOB AND THELMA GO TO
CITY HALL...

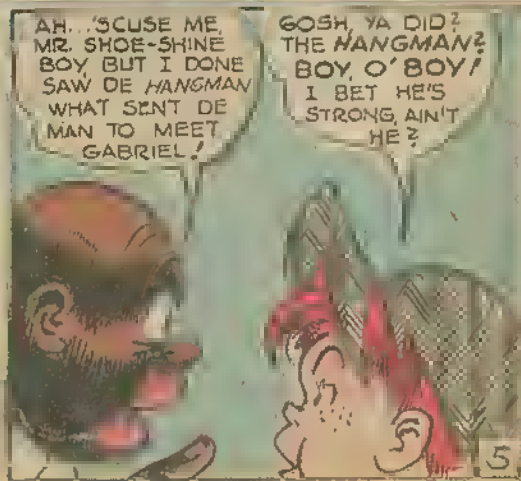
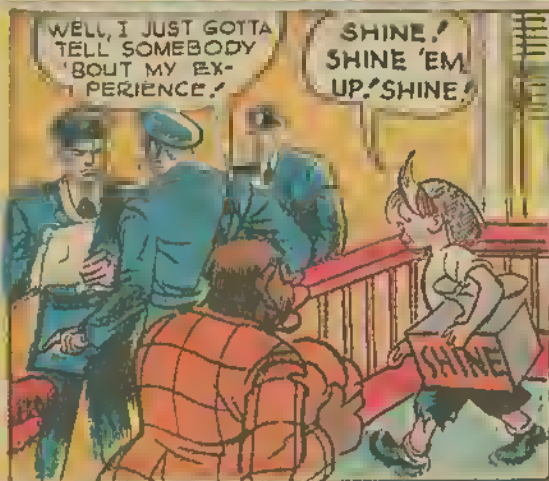
BUT BOB AND I BOTH SAW
THE HANGMAN MILES AWAY
FROM THE SCENE OF
THE MURDERS AT THE
SAME TIME THE
HANGMAN WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE
COMMITTING HIS
CRIMES!

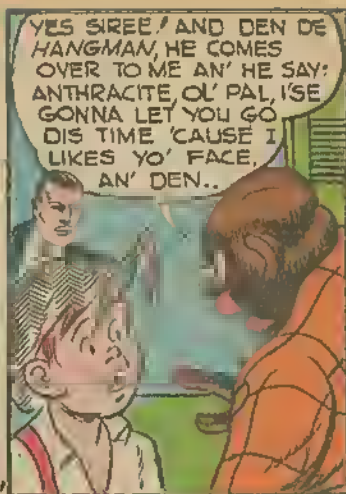
I'M NOT DOUBTING YOUR SINCERETY, MISS
GORDON, NOR YOURS, MR. DICKERING. THE
SIMPLE TRUTH, HOWEVER, IS THAT YOU BOTH
ARE MISTAKEN. WE HAVE ENOUGH ON

THE HANGMAN TO
HANG HIM, WHEN
WE CATCH HIM.
... AND WE
WILL
CATCH HIM.

WELL, I GUESS THAT SETTLES THAT. I'M GOING
TO THE OFFICE WHERE THE SECOND VICTIM
WAS FOUND. THE COPS ARE THERE LOOK-

ING FOR
CLUES. .
MAYBE I
CAN FIND
ONE!





THE MOMENT THE POLICE ARRIVE THE HANGMAN SWINGS DOWN FROM THE ROOF...



YOU WON'T NEED THE GUNS, I'LL GO ALONG PEACEFULLY!



NOT A THING UP MY SLEEVE EXCEPT MY ARM, MIKE! NOW LET'S GO TO THE JAIL...I'M TIRED AND I WANT TO TRY OUT MY BED!



THELMA MEANWHILE HAS ALREADY TELEPHONED THE STORY OF THE HANGMAN'S CAPTURE TO HER NEW PAPER...

THAT'S WHAT I SAID, CHIEF! THE HANGMAN IS CAPTURED!



CHIEF...THERE'S ONE MORE THING I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT!

YOU MEAN ONE MORE PERSON IS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY THE HANGMAN TO ASSURE CONVICTION! O'KAY! I'LL PRINT IT!



THE JACKAL, HAVING READ THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT GOES TO POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS....

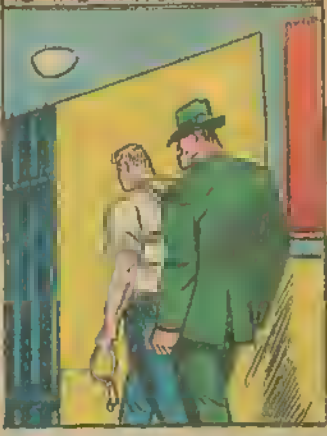


I UNDERSTAND THE HANGMAN IS A PRISONER HERE! I HAPPENED TO SEE HIM THE OTHER NIGHT, AND I'D LIKE TO IDENTIFY HIM!



COME RIGHT WITH ME!

THE JACKAL IS LED BACK TO THE HANGMAN'S CELL.



IS THAT THE GUY YOU SAW?

YES! THAT'S THE MAN I SAW NEAR THE SCENE OF THE MURDER! HE'S THE GUILTY ONE, ALL RIGHT!

HMM. TWO THUMBS!



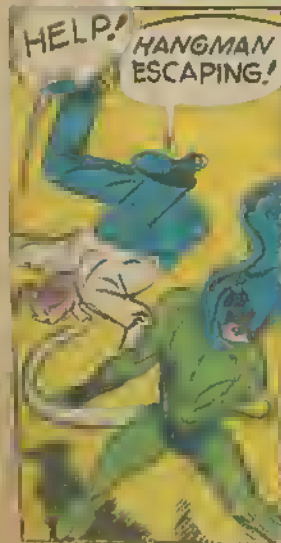
SORRY TO BE SO VIOLENT, BUT I WANT YOUR FRIEND THERE!

HOLD HIM! DON'T LET HIM GET ME!

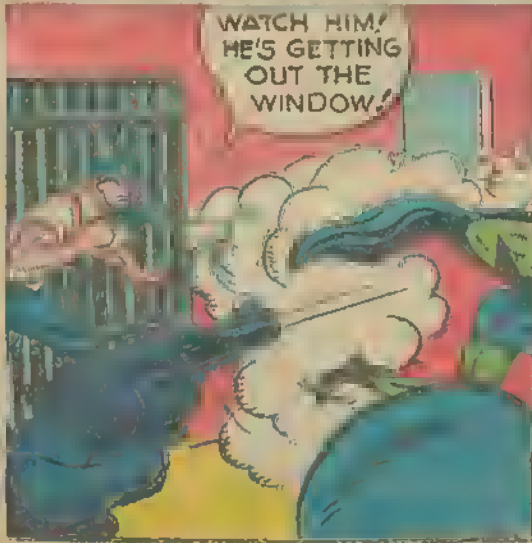


HELP!

HANGMAN ESCAPING!

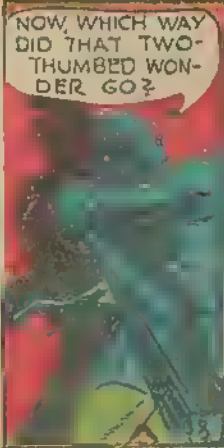


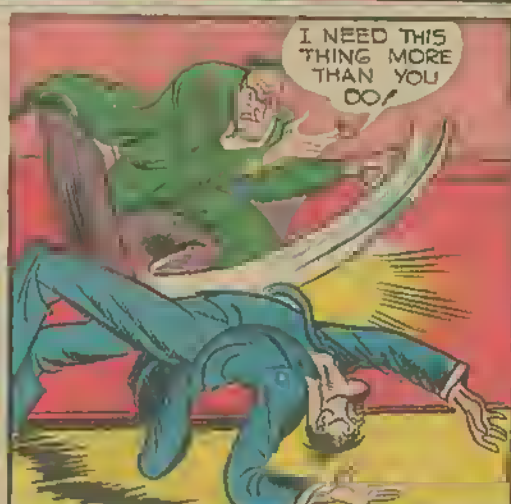
WATCH HIM! HE'S GETTING OUT THE WINDOW!



THE HANGMAN LEAPS OUT THE WINDOW AND VANISHES INTO THE SHADOWS.

NOW, WHICH WAY DID THAT TWO-THUMBED WONDER GO?





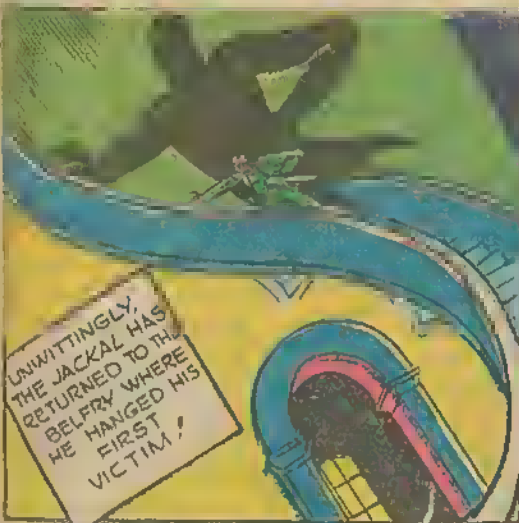
THE JACKAL WHIRLS AND CLIMBS UP THE FIRE ESCAPE!



REACHING THE ROOF, THE JACKAL HURRIEDLY TRIES TO FIND AN AVENUE OF ESCAPE!



THE STAIRWAY. THERE'S A STAIRWAY GOING UP SOMEWHERE. I CAN'T GET OFF THE ROOF. I'LL GO UP THOSE STAIRS!



UNWITTINGLY, THE JACKAL HAS RETURNED TO THE BELFRY WHERE HE HANGED HIS VICTIM!

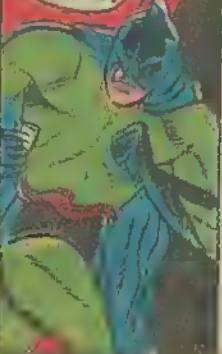
HE... HE'S NOWHERE AROUND, I'VE LOST HIM



BUT THE HANGMAN, TOO, ARRIVES IN THE BELFRY!



IT'S ALL OVER NOW, JACKAL! YOUR CAREER OF CRIMES IS OVER!



THE HANGMAN SUDDENLY SPRINGS FORWARD,
AS THE JACKAL COWERS IN TERROR!

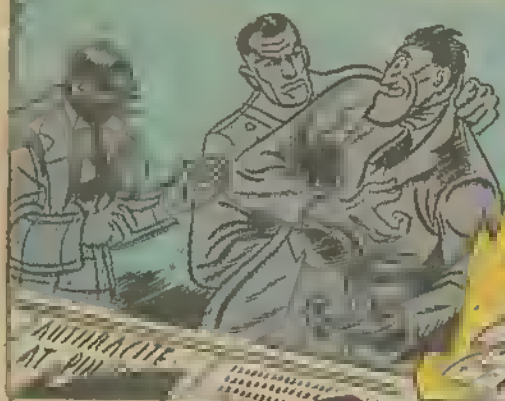


WILL YOU TALK, OR
WILL I HANG YOU
HERE AS YOU
HANGED YOUR
VICTIMS?

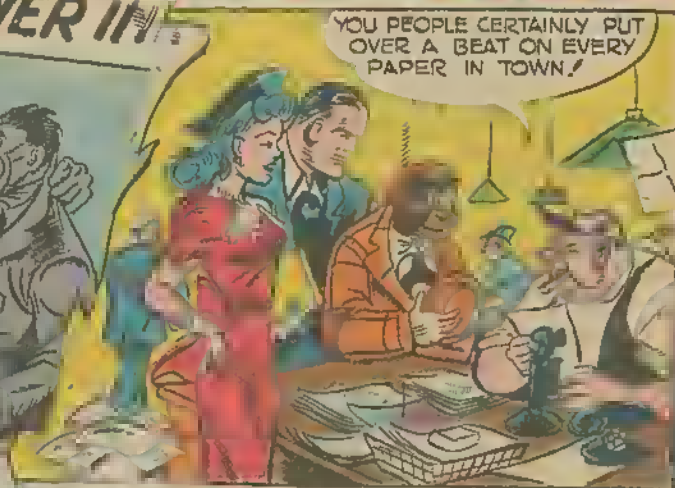
I'LL TALK!
DON'T HANG
ME! I'LL TELL
THE TRUTH!



IDENTIFIES SLAYER IN



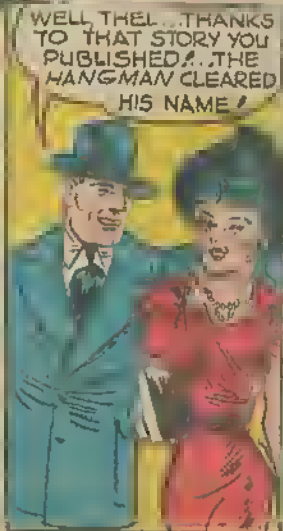
YOU PEOPLE CERTAINLY PUT
OVER A BEAT ON EVERY
PAPER IN TOWN!



AND YOU, THELMA,
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU
DID IT, BUT YOU KNEW
THE HANGMAN WAS
CAPTURED TEN
MINUTES BEFORE
IT HAPPENED!



WELL, THEL... THANKS
TO THAT STORY YOU
PUBLISHED... THE
HANGMAN CLEARED
HIS NAME!



AND THANKS TO YOU, ANTHRA-
CITE, THE REAL HANGMAN
WAS ABLE TO CAPTURE THE
PHONEY ONE!

YES SIRE,
MISTER DICKERING,
SIR, BUT THE
HANGMAN
SURE WAS
STRONG...
BLAH... BLAH...
BLAH!



THE END

DANNY

IN

WONDER- LAND

YOU BETCHA-
KUPPIE 'N ME'LL
CATCH THOSE
THIEVES, QUEEN!

ALL WONDERLAND
IS RINGING WITH THE
HORRIBLE CRIMES OF
SOME MURDERING
THIEVES. THE FAIRY
QUEEN IS AT HER SUD-
DENLY REMEMBERS
THE VALIANT DANNY,
AND SO, PRESTO,
A VIEW OF HER HAND,
AND DANNY AND
KUPKAKE, THE DWARF,
STAND BEFORE HER.

GOOD! THEN
I'LL TRANSPORT
YOU TO THE HILLS
WHERE IT IS
THOUGHT THEY
HAVE THEIR
RETREAT!

ON AND ON THEY GO UNTIL AT
LAST THEY ARE GENTLY DEPOS-
ITED IN THE HILLS.

DANNY AND KUPPIE ARE WHISKED
AWAY BY A GIANT ONE!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE HILLS, THE THIEVES ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THEIR MOUNTAIN RETREAT!

THEY COME TO A SUDDEN HALT BEFORE ONE OF THE CLIFFS!

KAH - CEE!
KAH - CEE!
OPEN CAVE!



A FINE HAUL WE MADE THIS TIME, EH, LADS!



WE'LL DEPOSIT OUR LOOT IN OUR HIDEOUT! AND THEN GO BACK TO TOWN FOR MORE!



HIDDEN DOORS SWING OPEN AS THE ROBBER CHIEF UTTERS THE MAGIC WORDS.

NEXT TIME WE COME BACK HERE WE'LL HAVE SOME NICE FRESH CORPSES!



ALL RIGHT, INSIDE EVERY BODY, HURRY!



AND SO BACK TO TOWN FOR MORE PILLAGE AND MURDER GO THE ROBBERS.



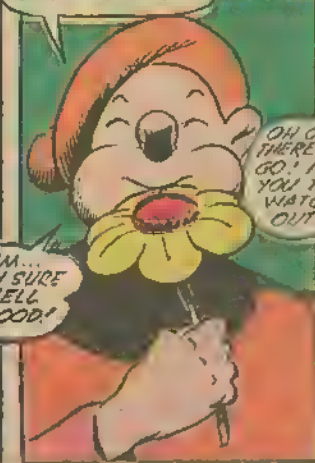
HEIGH HO! HEIGH HO! A ROBBERY WE WILL GO!

JUST AS THE ROBBERS RIDE OFF, DANNY AND KUPPIE COME UP-



CAREFUL, KUPPIE, IT LOOKS LIKE GOLDEN-
NY-FLOW' ROD! REMEMBER
ERS! YOUR HAY-
FLOW-
ERS!

HAY FEVER! WHO'S GOT HAYFEVER?



HA... THEY SURE SMELL GOOD!

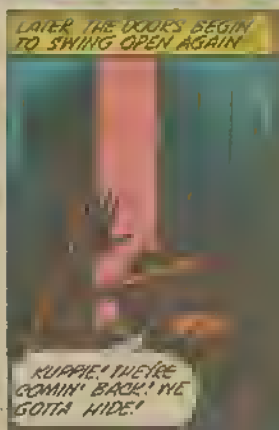
OH OH! THERE YOU GO! I TOLD YOU TO WATCH OUT!



KA... KA... KA... KA...



RUPPIE, UNWITTINGLY UTTERED THE MAGIC WORD WHEN HE SNEEZED!

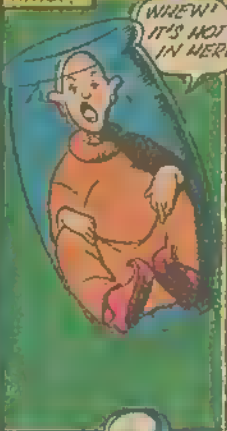


CHIEF! WE'VE GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL! THE WHOLE CITY'S IN AN UP-ROAD ABOUT US!



BOO! WE'LL ROB AND KILL THE FOOLS UNTIL THE DAY WE DIE AND THEY'LL NEVER CATCH US!

WHILE INSIDE THE VASE, KUFFIE IS HAVING A VERY TRYING TIME!

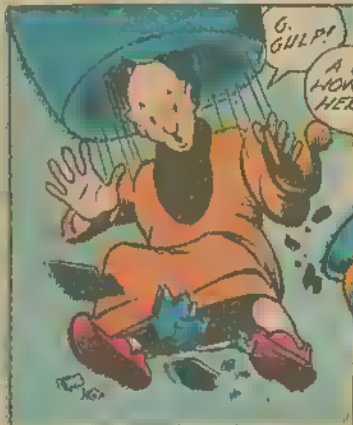


WHIEW!
IT'S HOT IN HERE!

I'LL PLAY SOME MUSIC FOR PEG. MAYBE I WON'T NOTICE THE HEAT!

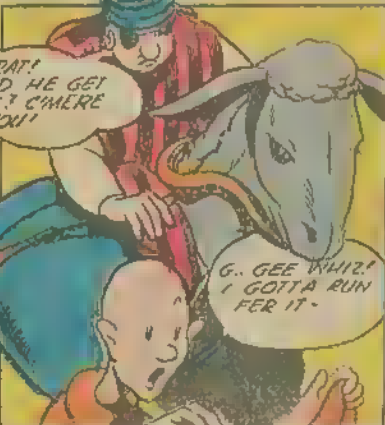


EACH TIME KUFFIE'S KNIFE STRIKES THE BOTTOM, THE VASE BECOMES WEAKER AND WEAKER, UNTIL-



G... GULP!

A BRAT! HOW'D HE GET HERE? C'MERE YOU!



G... GEE WHIZ!
I GOTTA RUN FOR IT!

DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE, OR WE'RE ALL GONERS!



GOLLY! THEY'RE CHASIN' KUFFIE!
I GOTTA GO AFTER HIM!

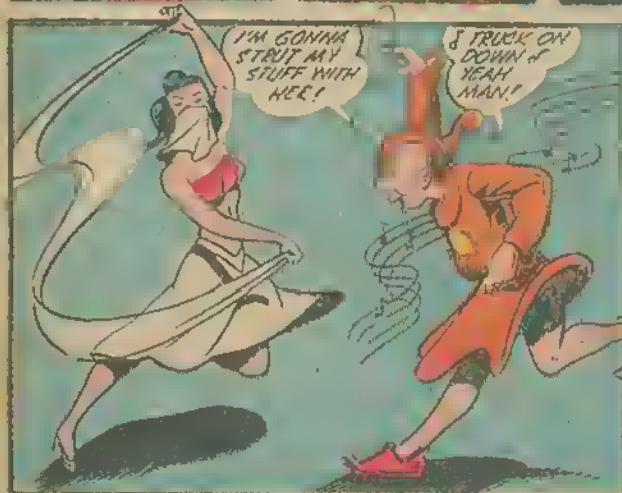
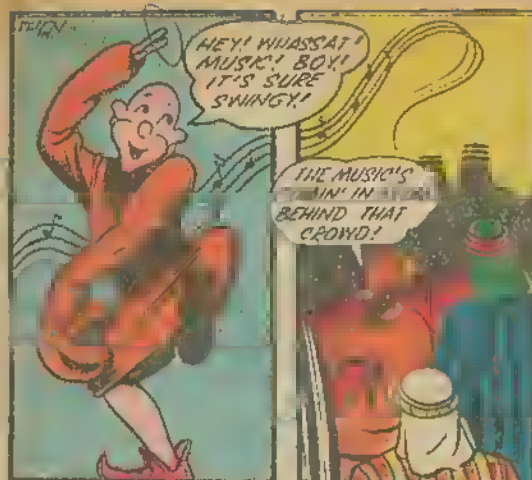
KUFFIE FLEES THROUGH THE NARROW, WINDING CITY STREETS

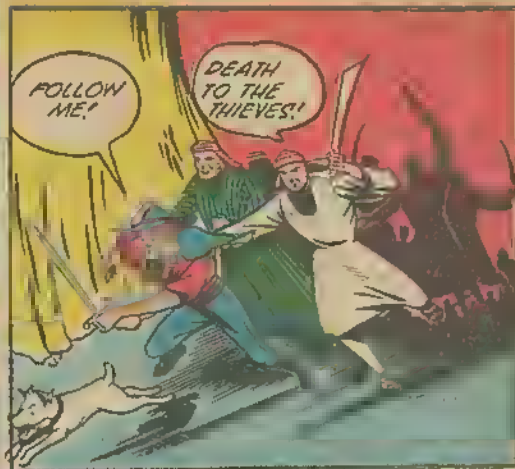


THEY'RE STILL AFTER ME!



AND FINALLY MANAGES TO LOSE HIMSELF AMONG THE CROWDS



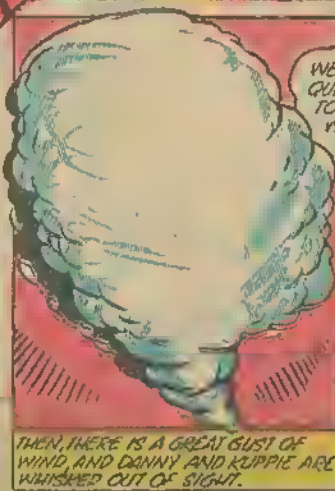
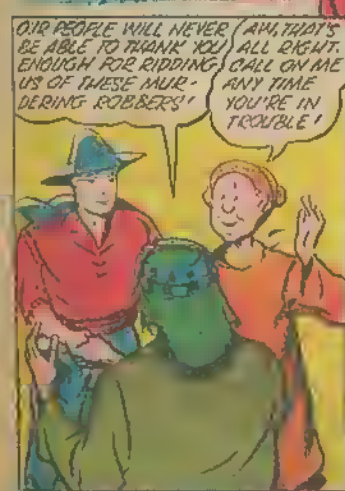




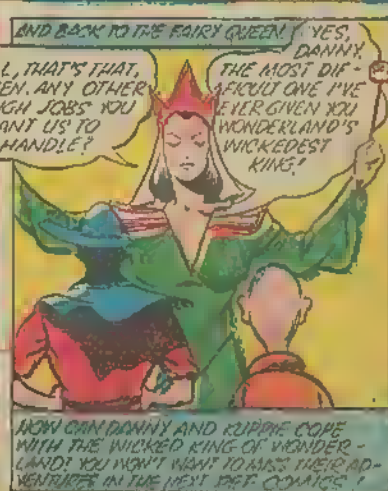
JUST AS THE ROBBER CHIEF RAISES HIS SWORD FOR THE DEATH-STROKE -

YOU'VE BUTCHERED YOUR LAST VICTIM!

THE CAPTURED THIEVES ARE MARCHED BACK TO TOWN!



THEN, THERE IS A GREAT GUST OF WIND, AND DANNY AND KUPPIE ARE WHISKED OUT OF SIGHT.



NOW CAN DANNY AND KUPPIE COPE WITH THE WICKED KING OF WONDERLAND? YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THEIR ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT DFC COMICS!

THE FIREBALL

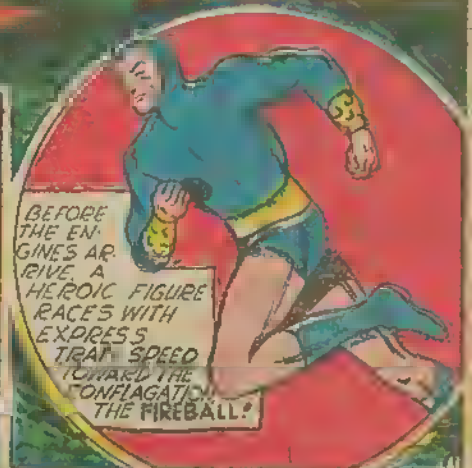


THE SHRILL LEAP-PIERCING SCREECH OF FIRE SIRENS SHATTERS THE STILL NIGHT AS THE ENGINE SPEED TOWARD A GLAZING HOME... AND OUT OF THE ROARING INFERNO, A FIGURE COMES STAGGERING, A LITTLE GIRL, HIS SISTER CLUTCHED TIGHTLY IN HIS ARMS!

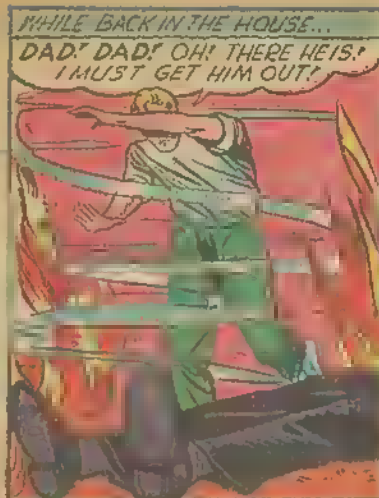


BOO-HOO! DON'T LEAVE ME EDDIE!

I'VE GOT TO GO BACK IN THERE FOR DAD, SUZIE!



BEFORE THE ENGINES ARRIVE, A HEROIC FIGURE RACES WITH EXPRESS TRAIN SPEED TOWARD THE CONFLAGRATION THE FIREBALL!



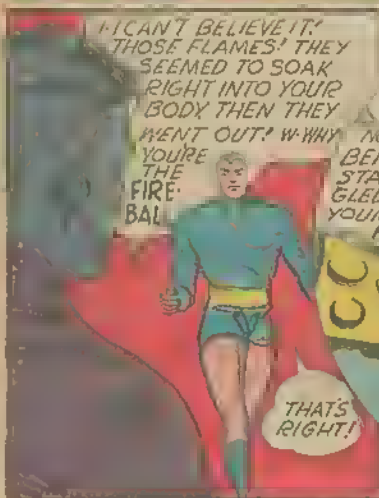
WHILE BACK IN THE HOUSE...
DAD! DAD! OH! THERE HE IS!
I MUST GET HIM OUT!



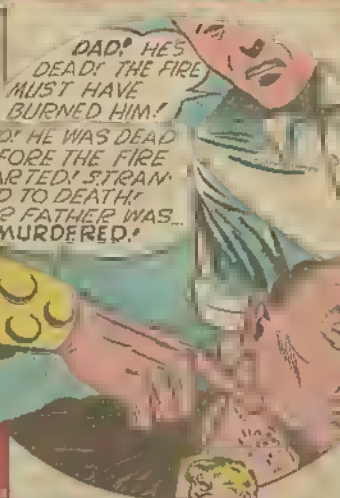
GREAT HEAVENS!
THE HOUSE IS TUMBLING
DOWN ABOUT ME!
I'M TRAPPED!



THEN THE FIREBALL
APPEARS AMONG
THE FLAMES OF DEATH...



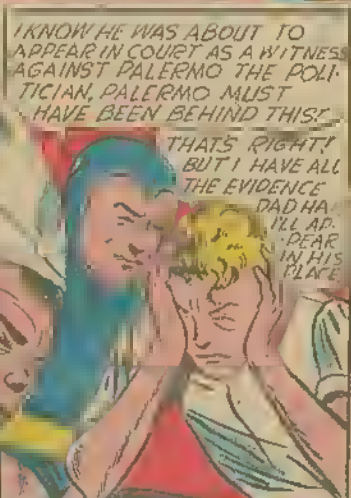
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THOSE FLAMES! THEY
SEEMED TO SOAK
RIGHT INTO YOUR
BODY THEN THEY
WENT OUT! WHY
YOU'RE
THE
FIRE-
BALL!



DAD! HE'S
DEAD! THE FIRE
MUST HAVE
BURNED HIM!

NO! HE WAS DEAD
BEFORE THE FIRE
STARTED! STRAN-
GLED TO DEATH!
YOUR FATHER WAS...
MURDERED!

THAT'S
RIGHT!



I KNOW HE WAS ABOUT TO
APPEAR IN COURT AS A WITNESS
AGAINST PALERMO THE POLI-
TICIAN, PALERMO MUST
HAVE BEEN BEHIND THIS!

THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT I HAVE ALL
THE EVIDENCE
DAD HAS
I'LL AP-
PEAR
IN HIS
PLACE

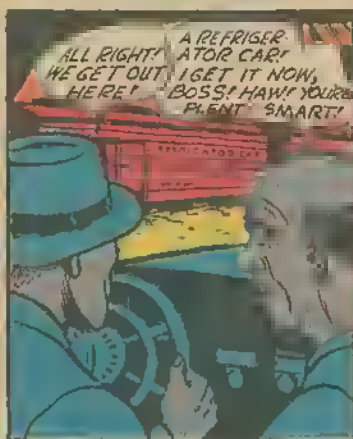


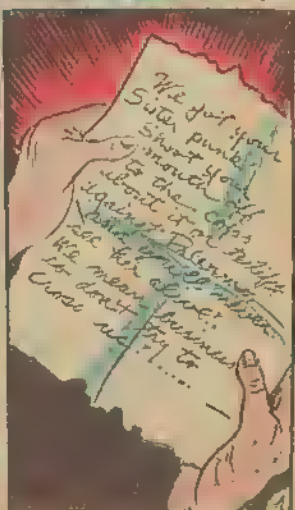
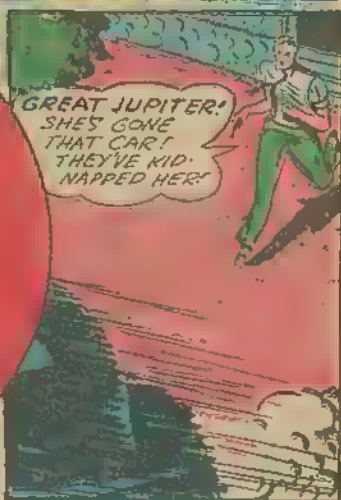
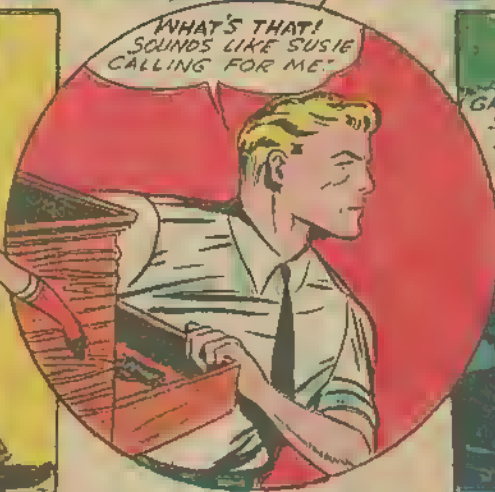
GOOD BOY! GO
THROUGH WITH IT!
DON'T LET ANY-
ONE SCARE YOU OR
OF IT! WHILE I'LL
SEE WHAT I CAN FORCE
PALERMO TO ADMIT.
HERE COME THE FIRE-
TRUCKS... SO LONG!



THE FIREBALL HE'S
COMING THIS WAY!
COME ON, BOYS,
GET READY!

OKAY
PALERMO?







MEANWHILE, THE FREIGHT TRAIN, CARRYING THE REFRIGERATOR CAR, IN WHICH THE FIREBALL IS IMPRISONED, SPEEDS FARTHER AND FARTHER FROM THE CITY.

INSIDE THE ICE-BOX CAR, THE FIREBALL REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS F...

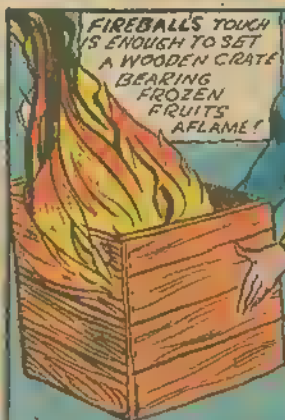
WH...WHAT HIT ME? WHERE AM I?



GREAT BALLS OF FIRE! NO WONDER MY MUSCLES ARE SO STIFF! I'LL FREEZE TO DEATH IF I STAY HERE MUCH LONGER!



I CAN'T BUDGE THIS HATCH! IT'S FROZEN SOLID! I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST



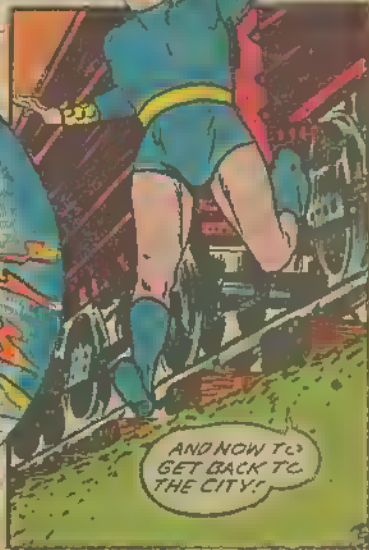
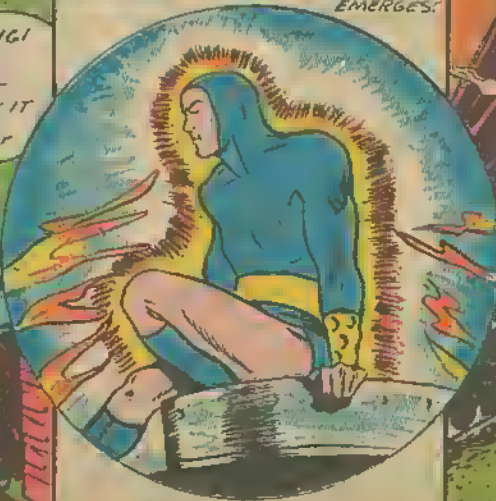
FIREBALL'S TOUCH IS ENOUGH TO SET A WOODEN CRATE BEARING FROZEN FRUITS AFLAME!

NOW I'LL CLIMB UP TO THE HATCH AGAIN!



IT'S WORKING! THE HEAT'S MELTING THE STEEL! I'LL BE ABLE TO PRY IT OPEN IN A LITTLE WHILE!

THE FISHBOWL OF THE FIREBALL SOON EMERGES!



AND NOW TO GET BACK TO THE CITY!



UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THEY PUT THE SQUEEZE PLAY ON EDDIE TOO! I'LL SOON FIND OUT!



SO THEY KIDNAPPED SUZIE, EH?

YES, FIREBALL! AND THEY LEFT ME THIS NOTE! I SHOT AFTER THEM, BUT I ONLY HIT THEIR GAS TANK!



HIT THEIR GAS TANK! MAYBE YOU DIDN'T DO SO BAD AFTER ALL! WAIT HERE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!



JUST AS I THOUGHT! THE GAS RAN OUT OF THAT BULLET HOLE IN THE GAS TANK AND LEFT ME A PERFECT TRAIL!



NOW LOOK, FELLA I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT SUZIE, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME! GO TO THAT COURT TO DAY AND STALL AROUND I'M GOING AFTER THOSE KID- NAPPERS! I'LL DO IT FIRE-BALL!



FIREBALL! IF THOSE KILLERS HARM A HAIR OF MY LITTLE SISTER'S HEAD I'LL ...

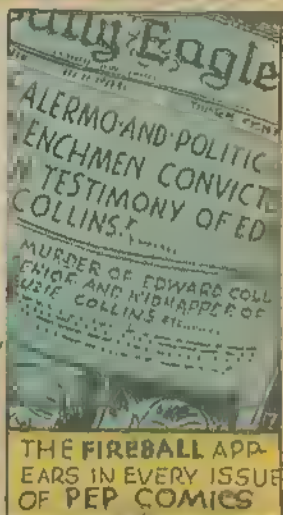
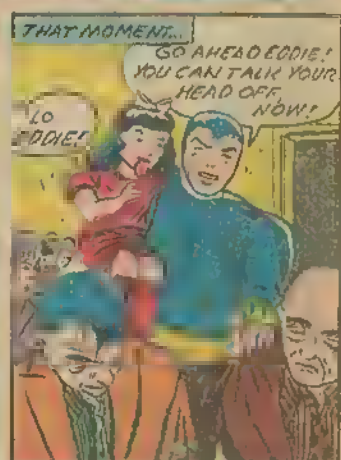
NO YOU WON'T EDDIE, BECAUSE I'LL DO IT FIRST! NOW GO AND DO AS I TOLD YOU!



FIRST I'LL TOUCH THE GASOLINE AND SET FIRE TO IT!



NOW ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS FOLLOW THIS FIRE TRAIL WHICH KEEPS SPRING UP AHEAD OF ME!



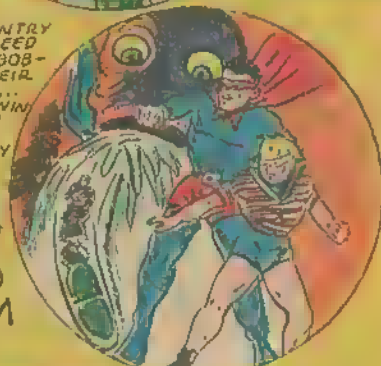
COMICS



SUMMER ASIAN
 BLOOD DRUGS
 BROOKS BUT
 MINISTER CRIM
 TURNS IN ITS
 SUN DRENCHED
 FIELDS AS
 DUTY IS
 FLOOD IN
 THE
 HAROLD
 C. IM



OVER THE WINTRY
SNOWS SPEED
THE SKIIS AND BOB
SLEDS WITH THEIR
HUMAN FREIGHT...
LITTLE DO THE WIN-
TER SPORTSMEN
AND WOMEN
KNOW THAT GRISLY
MURDER HOV-
ERS NEAR...BUT
THE WIZARD
AND ROY
BRING THE KIL-
ER TO JUSTICE
IN THE
**BOBLED
OF DOOM**



ON THE STATE
REFORMATORY
COWERS A MERE
YOUNGSTER. A
BARRLED DOOR
CREAKS OPEN, A
LANTERN GLEAMS
AND A CRUEL
GUARD BARKS
A HARSH COM-
MAND. THEN THE
WIZARD AND
ROY SWING IN-
TO ACTION IN

THE BARS
OF
PRISON



WHAT HAPPENS WHILE THE NEW TUNNEL IS BEING BUILT UNDER THE RIVER, WHEN THE UGLY, FEARSOME FACE OF FANG, THE MASTER CRIMINAL RISES UP TO CONFRONT THE SHIELD AND DUSTY, THE BOY DETECTIVE? WILL THE SHIELD AND DUSTY SUCCEED IN THWARTING FANG, OR DOES DESTRUCTION FACE THEM IN...

THE TUNNEL
OF
DEATH

SERGEANT BOYLE

BACK IN ENGLAND, SERGEANT BOYLE, AMERICAN ACE OF THE B. E. F., HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A COASTAL DEFENSE UNIT. LATE ONE AFTERNOON, A BODY IS BEACHED UP ON THE BEACH,....

THIS HEINIE IS NO LIGHTWEIGHT! BETTER TAKE HIM TO THE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS..THEY'LL WANT TO SEARCH THE BODY!



HUBBELL

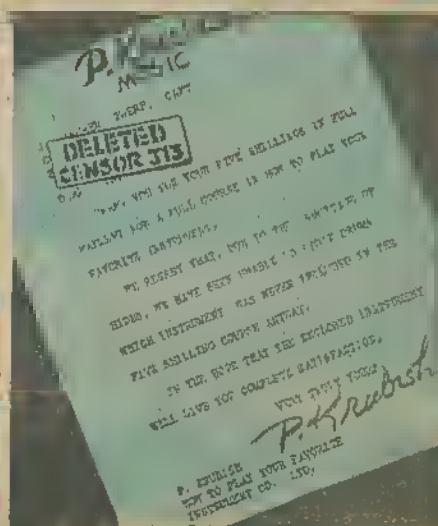
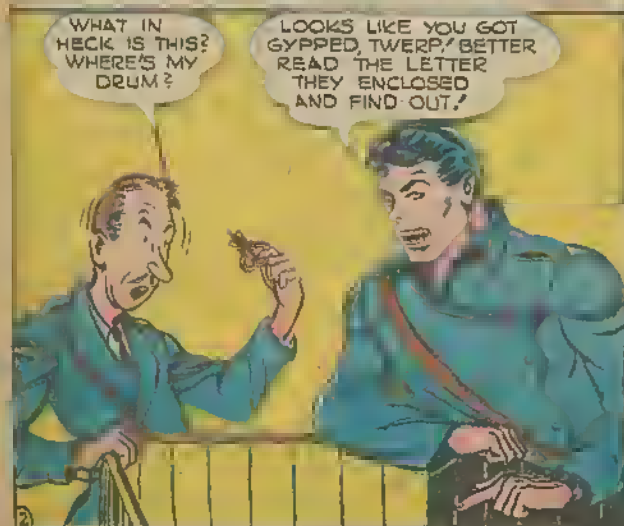
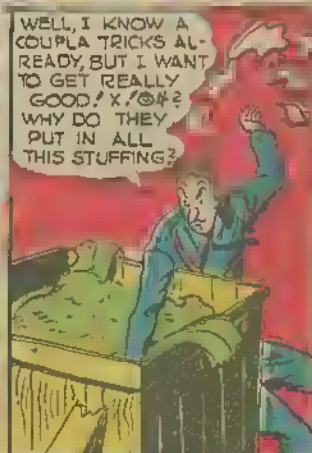
THIS GUY MUST HAVE BEEN LEADING SOME OF THE RAIDS THAT HAVE COME OVER LATELY. HERE'S HIS SCHEDULE. HEY! LOOK AT THIS!

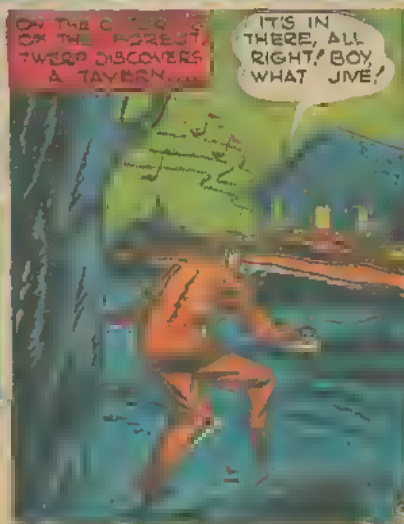
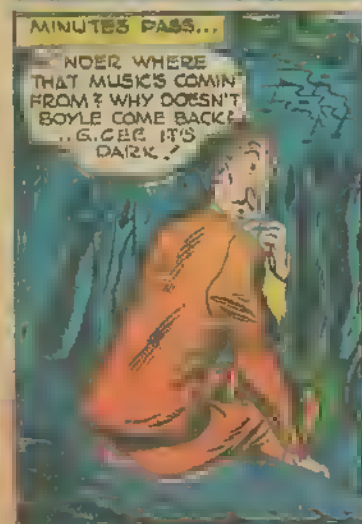
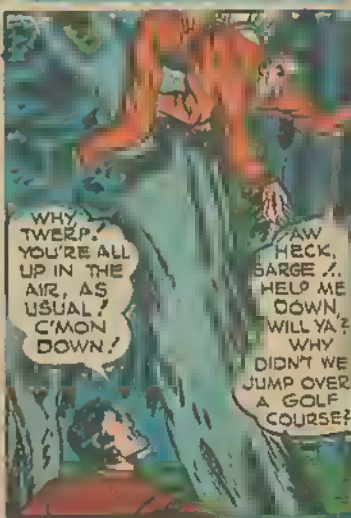
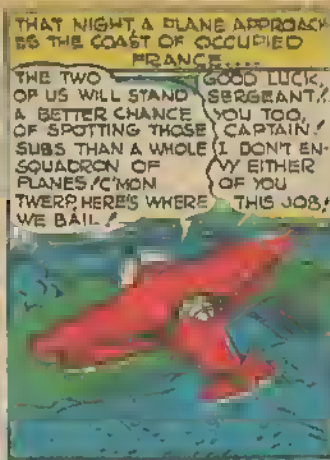


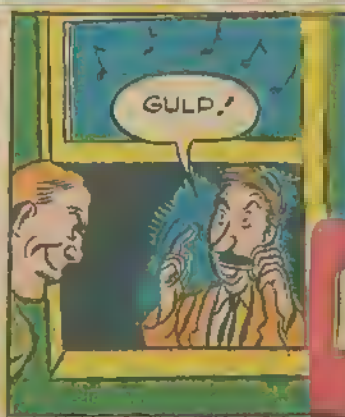
YOU SEE, GENERAL, WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY HAMMERING AT THEIR AIRPORTS, WE'VE NEGLECTED THEIR SUBMARINE CONCENTRATIONS. THIS LOOKS LIKE A MASS SUBMARINE ATTACK ON OUR COASTGUARD!

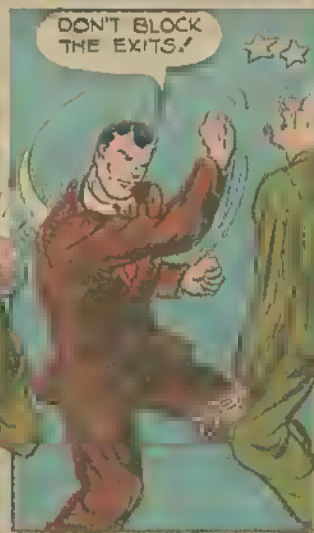
BOYLE, THIS IS YOUR JOB. YOU'VE GOT TO FIND THEIR SUBMARINE BASE BEFORE THEY GET STARTED. TAKE ALL THE MEN AND PLANES YOU NEED!

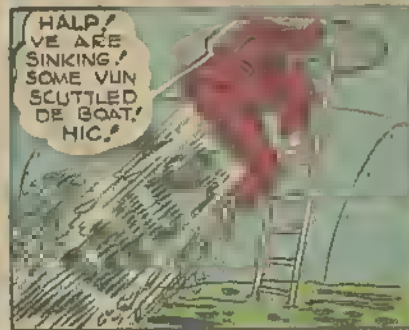
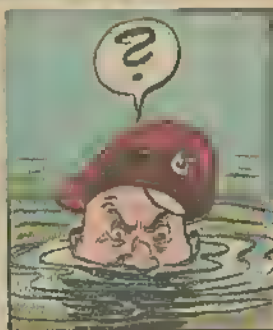
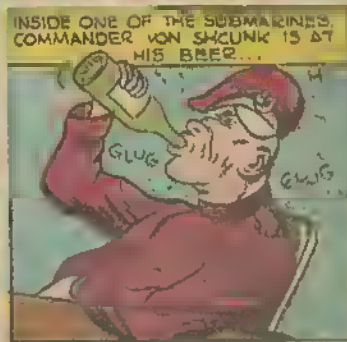
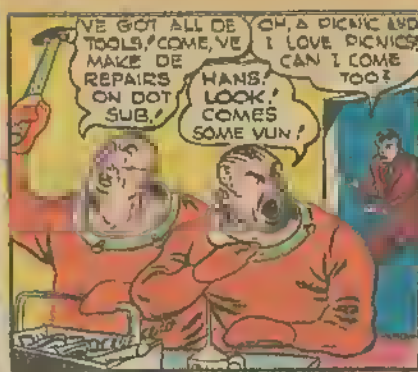


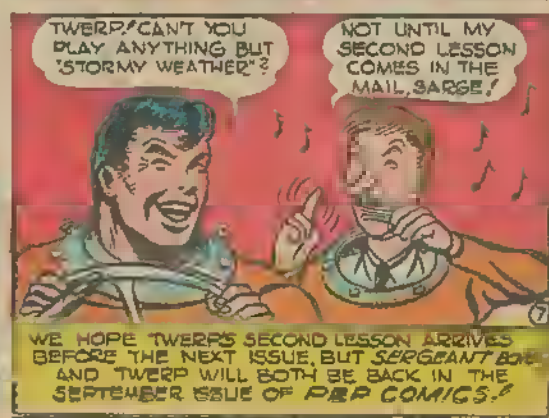
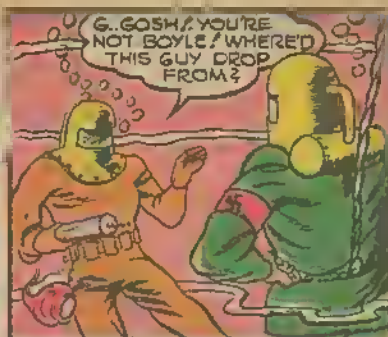
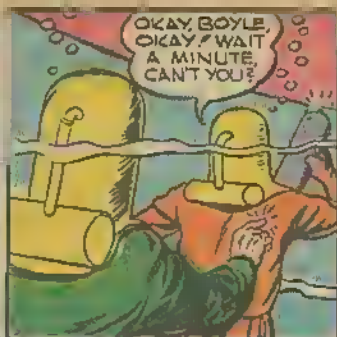














THERE ARE YOUR
NEXT VICTIMS, MADAM
SATAN. DO NOT FAIL
ME THIS TIME.

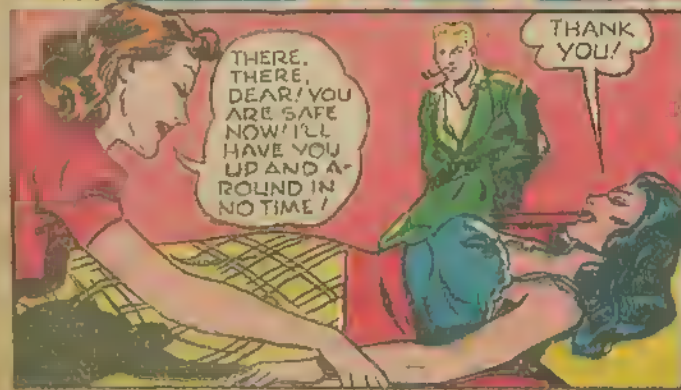
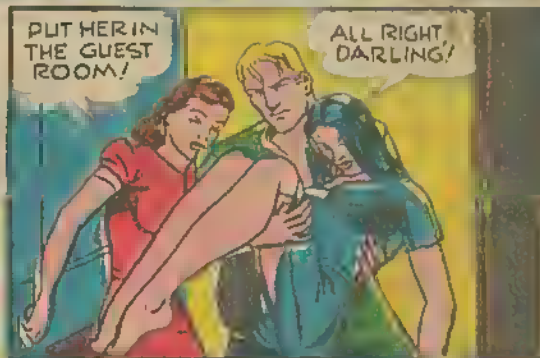
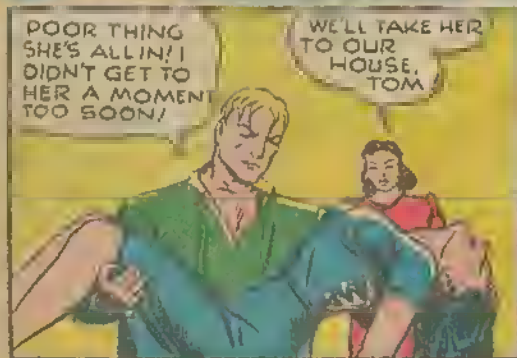
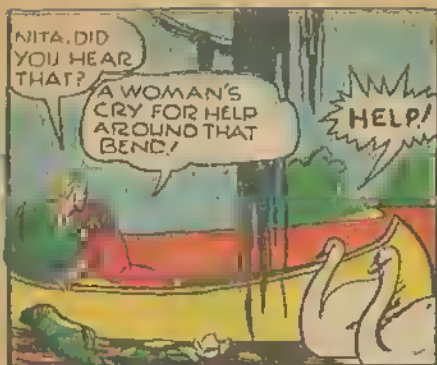
I SHAN'T
MASTER!

ONCE AGAIN THE
MAW OF HADES
SPEWS FORTH BLACK
EVIL, AS MADAM SAT-
AN, THE DEVIL'S ALLY,
STALKS THE EARTH
TO DO HER MASTER'S
BIDDING.



DARLING, WE'RE
MARRIED ALMOST
A YEAR NOW,
OH TOM,
I DO LOVE
YOU SO!





PERHAPS YOU'RE
RIGHT, TOM. I'M
GOING TO BED!
I'M EXHAUSTED!

I'LL SIT
UP FOR
A WHILE,
AND WARM
UP BEFORE
THE FIRE!

I DIDN'T WANT TO ALAR-
NITA, BUT I DID HAVE THE
SAME FEELING ABOUT
THAT WOMAN. I WON-
DER HOW SHE FELL
IN THE LAKE!

HELLO
TOM!

HERE, YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE UP, YOU
NEED PLENTY
OF REST!

NO TOM, I
NEED YOU,
KISS ME!

WH... WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

CLOSER AND CLOSER
MADAM SATAN DRAWS
TOM TOWARD THE
KISS OF DEATH!

AND THEN... A WEIRD SENSE OF
DREAD PERVADES HIS BEING!

KEEP AWAY FROM ME!
YOU MUST BE OUT OF
YOUR MIND!

YOU'D BETTER GO
BACK TO YOUR ROOM! CURSE HIM!
THE ORDEAL MUST
HAVE BEEN TOO
MUCH FOR YOU!

I DIDN'T THINK
HE HAD THE
STRENGTH TO
RESIST.

JUST THEN A STRANGE
FIGURE - GLOWING
LIGHT-RIDES OUT OF
THE DARKNESS!

GOOD FOR YOU, TOM.
YOU'VE DONE ME A
GREAT FAVOR!

OUR STRENGTH OF CHARACTER
HAS GIVEN ME, BROTHER, SUN-
BEAM, AN OPPORTUNITY OF
TRAPPING PART OF MADAM
SATAN'S EVIL SPIRIT.



ONLY HER HEAD, AS YET IS TRAPPED IN THIS SPIRIT BOTTLE / BUT WITH TOM'S HELP I'LL SOON HAVE ALL OF HER!



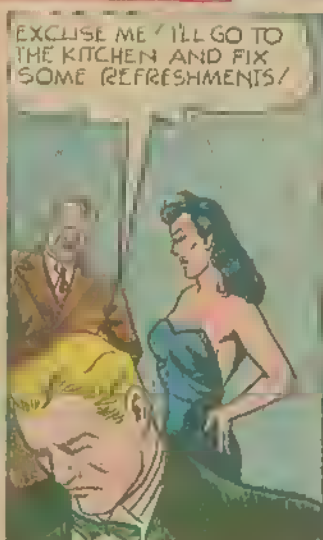
HELLO, TOM! OH, I SEE YOU HAVE COMPANY, I'D BETTER COME ANOTHER TIME!

NOT AT ALL, GEORGE! COME RIGHT IN!



THIS IS MY WIFE'S COUSIN, GEORGE SELDES! ER... I DON'T BELIEVE I KNOW YOUR NAME YET!

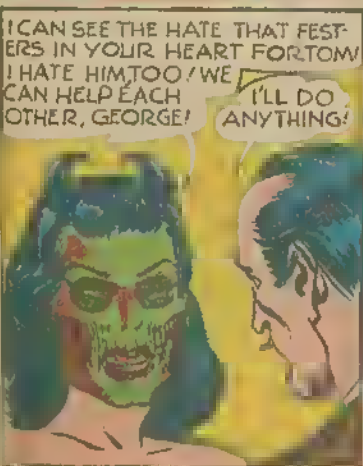
I AM CALLED IOLA!



EXCUSE ME, I'LL GO TO THE KITCHEN AND FIX SOME REFRESHMENTS!



/OZA! SOMEHOW I SEEM TO KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE VERY DISTANT PAST! YES, GEORGE, YOU KNOW ME, AND I KNOW YOU, FOR YOU'RE A CREATURE OF EVIL AS I AM!

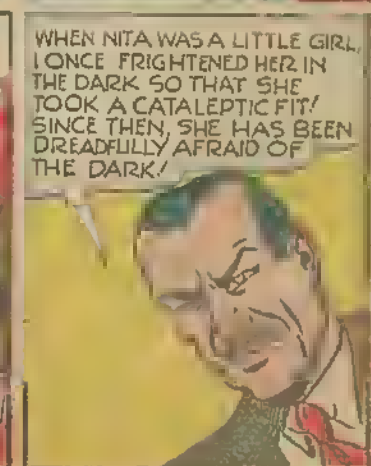


I CAN SEE THE HATE THAT FESTERS IN YOUR HEART FOR TOM! I HATE HIM TOO! WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER, GEORGE!

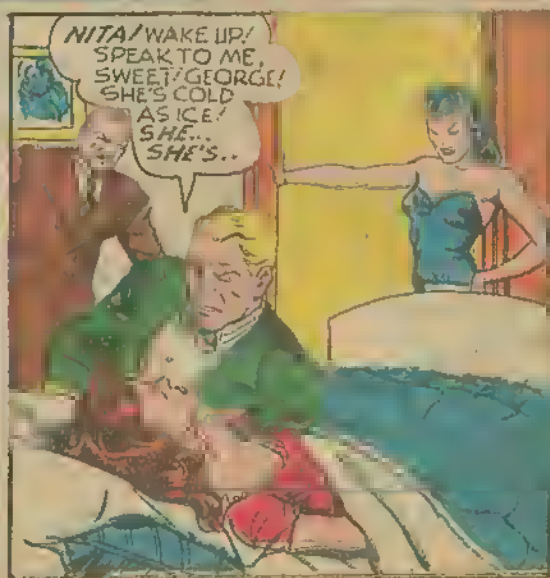
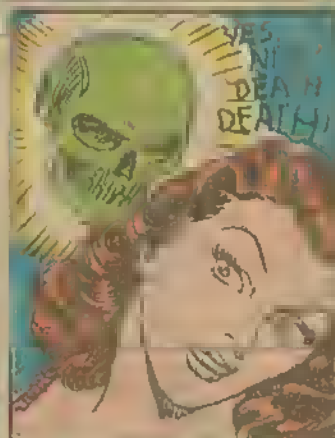
I'LL DO ANYTHING!



I'VE ALWAYS LOVED NITA AND HE STOLE HER FROM ME! BUT I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HER, EVEN TOM IS UNAWARE OF!



WHEN NITA WAS A LITTLE GIRL, I ONCE FRIGHTENED HER IN THE DARK SO THAT SHE TOOK A CATALEPTIC FIT! SINCE THEN, SHE HAS BEEN DREADFULLY AFRAID OF THE DARK!





KAYO WARD

by Harry Shorten

GOLLY! THAT'S A GIRL
ON THAT WATER TANK,
'N SHE'S IN TROUBLE!

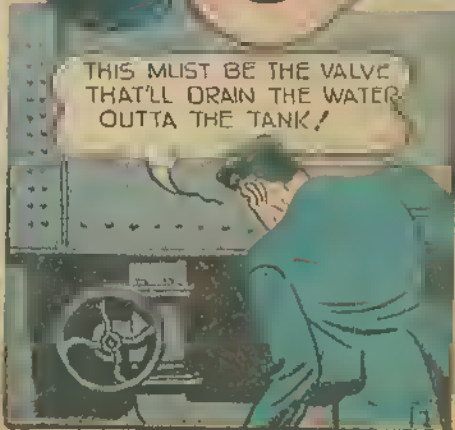
HELP!
HURRY!
HURRY!



MY LITTLE BROTHER IS SWIMMING IN
THE TANK, AND HE CAN'T GET OUT!
SAVE HIM,
PLEASE!



THIS MUST BE THE VALVE
THAT'LL DRAIN THE WATER
OUTTA THE TANK!



FROM HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE
WORLD TO A PENNILESS WANDERER OF
THE ROAD - THIS IS THE BIZARRE EX-
PERIENCE OF KAYO WARD WHO FLED
FROM HIS FRIENDS WHEN HIS FACE
WAS HIDEOUSLY SCARRED IN A FIRE...
AND NOW WE PICK HIM UP IN THE
DESERT-COUNTRY OF THE WEST.

KAYO RELEASES THE VALVE.



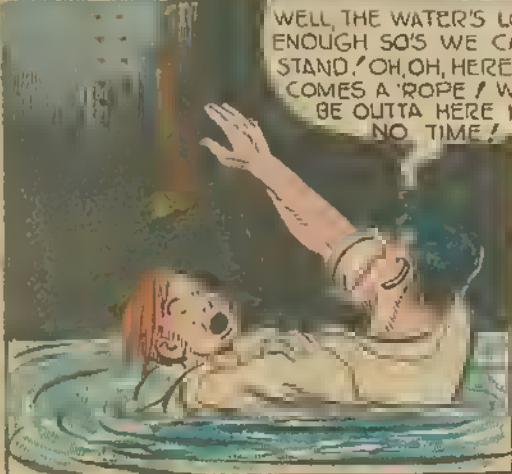
AND THEN DIVES INTO THE TANK AFTER THE DROWNING YOUNGSTER!



EASY, KID? I'LL HOLD YOU TILL THE WATER DRAINS OUT!



WELL, THE WATER'S LOW ENOUGH SO'S WE CAN STAND. OH, OH, HERE COMES A ROPE! WE'LL BE OUTTA HERE IN NO TIME!



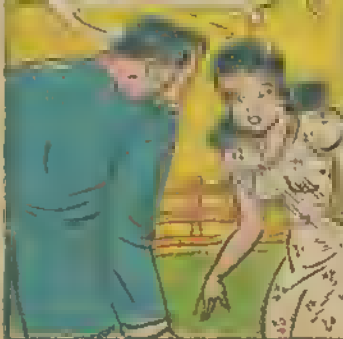
OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, I'VE WARNED MICKEY TIME AND AGAIN NOT TO GO NEAR THAT TANK!



THE EXHAUSTING EXPERIENCE AND HUNGER HAS WEAKENED KAYO SO THAT...

MICKEY, YOU'RE FAINTING!

N..NO..JUST A LITTLE DIZZY. I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

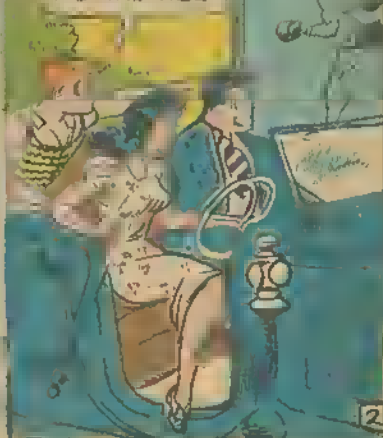


YOU BET YOU WILL! I'LL SEE, TO THAT! YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH US TO OUR FARM!



AS THEY DRIVE ALONG...

OO! JANET, LOOK! IT'S THE TIGER!



BOXING!
OPERA HOUSE
TIGER BLAIR
 WILL MEET
 ANY
 CONTENDER
 FOR A PURSE
 OF
\$1000.00!

ONE OF OUR FARM HANDS IS GOING TO TRY FOR THAT PURSE!

I HOPE HE WINS!

PFOOEY! GULCH! I'LL NEVER LICK HIM! HE'S JUST A PHONEY! ONLY REASON HE'S DOING IT, IS TO MAKE A PLAY FOR JANET!

HUSH, MICKEY! YOU MUSTN'T SAY SUCH THINGS! HE'S DOING IT FOR YOU, AS WELL AS FOR ME!

THEY SOON ARRIVE AT THE FARM... HMM... HE LOOKS HUSKY ENOUGH TO STAND ON HIS OWN FEET!

OH, GULCH! THIS FELLOW SAVED MICKEY'S LIFE! HELP ME GET HIM INTO THE HOUSE!

YOU MUSTN'T MIND GULCH! HE'S A LITTLE... ER... ROUGH, BUT ALL RIGHT OTHERWISE! DAD'LL BE ALONG SOON... I WANT YOU TO MEET HIM!

THANK YOUSE!

..YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A TRAMP! WE COULD USE AN EXTRA HAND, WON'T YOU PLEASE STAY?

I...I'D LIKE TO!

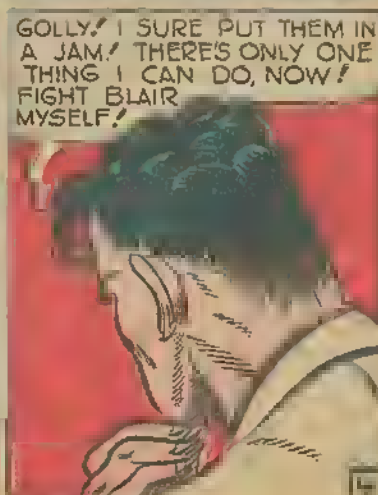
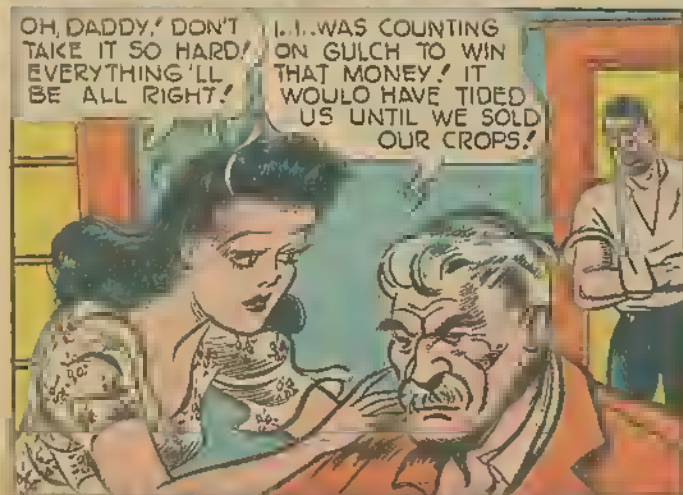
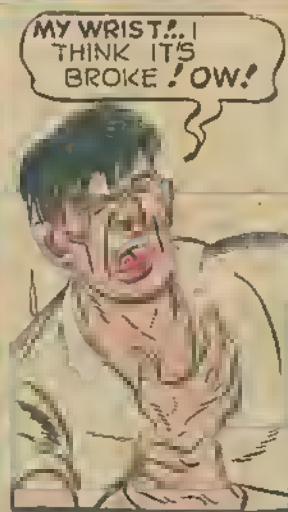
LATER... HEY! WHAT'S THIS? YOU GAVE THIS BUM A FEED ALREADY, WHAT'S HE HANGIN' AROUND FOR, NOW?

GULCH, PLEASE!

HE'S NOT A BUM AND I ASKED HIM TO STAY!

OH, TAKIN' A SHINE TO HIM, HUM! WELL, RE- MEMBER, YOU'RE MY GIRL!

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE, MISTER GULCH...

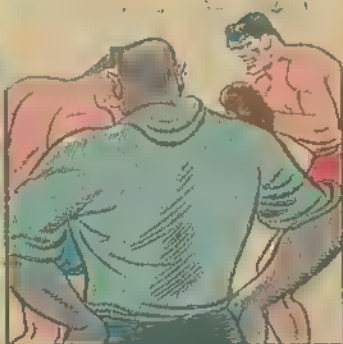


THE NIGHT OF THE FIGHT
BRINGS OUT THE ENTIRE
COUNTY AND A COUPLE
OF EAGLED-EYED RE-
PORTERS...

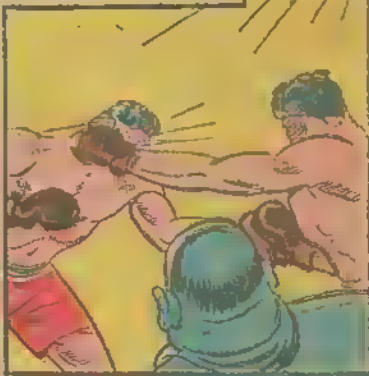
SAY IT'S SOMETHING
FAMILIAR ABOUT THAT GUY!



THE OPENING BELL, AND
BLAIR COMES AT KAYO
WITH A RUSH...



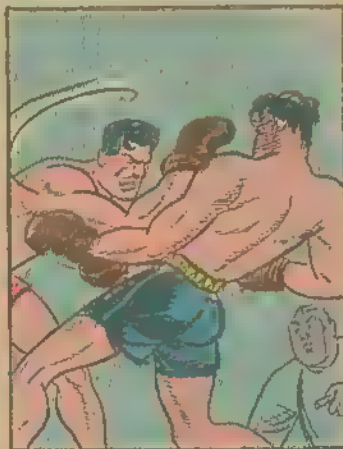
BLAIR STABS AT HIM
SAVAGELY WHILE
KAYO IS STILL FEEL-
ING HIS OATS...



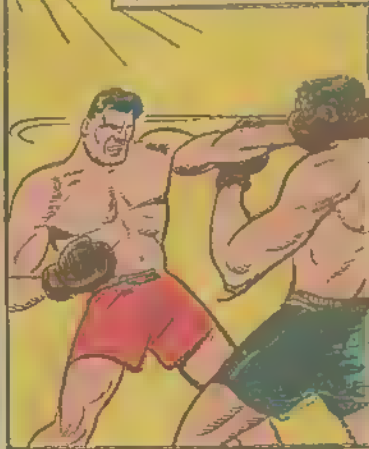
HO, HO! THIS GUY'S A SET-
UP! ALL HE DOES IS
KEEP BACKING UP!



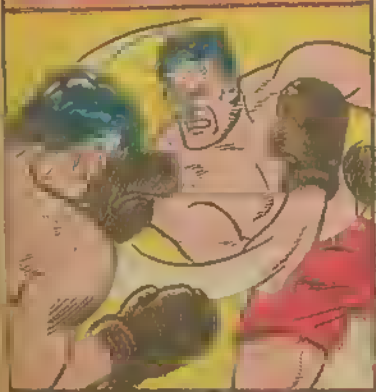
BLAIR BECOMES ENRAGED
AS KAYO WARILY DODGES
HIS BLOWS...



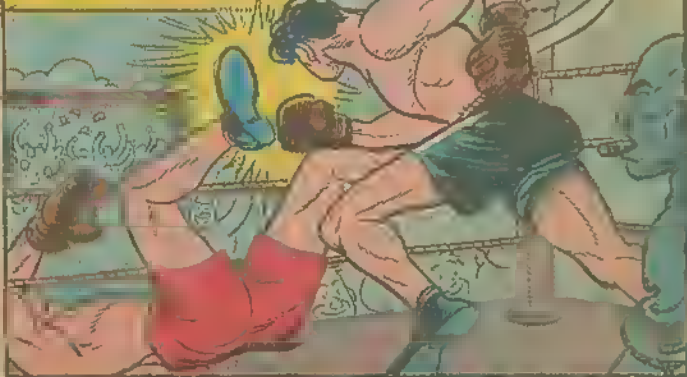
THEN THINKING HE
SEES HIS CHANCE, HE
FEINTS WITH A LEFT...

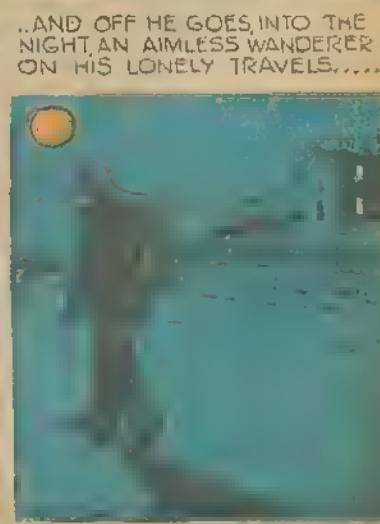
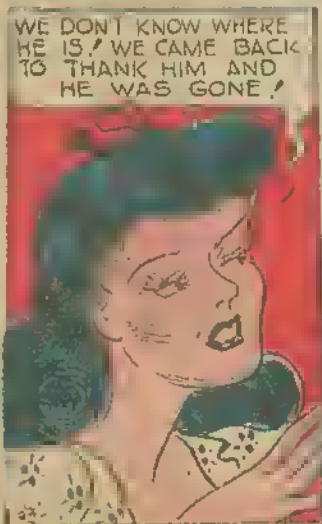
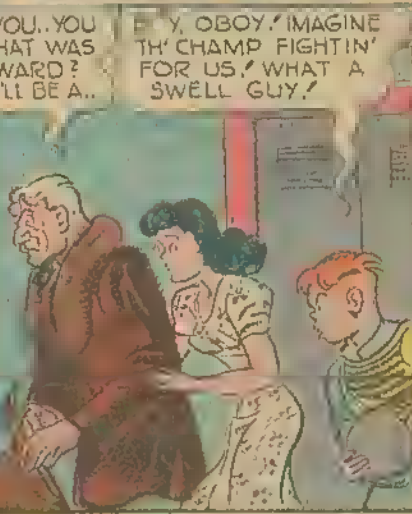
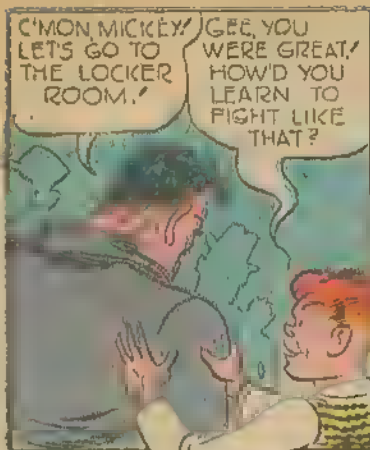


...AND COMES AROUND WITH A
CRUSHING RIGHT, WHICH
NEVER LANDS!



KAYO WARD, THE MILLION
DOLLAR FIGHTING MA-
CHINE, RETURNS WITH A
LIGHTNING-LIKE RIGHT AND

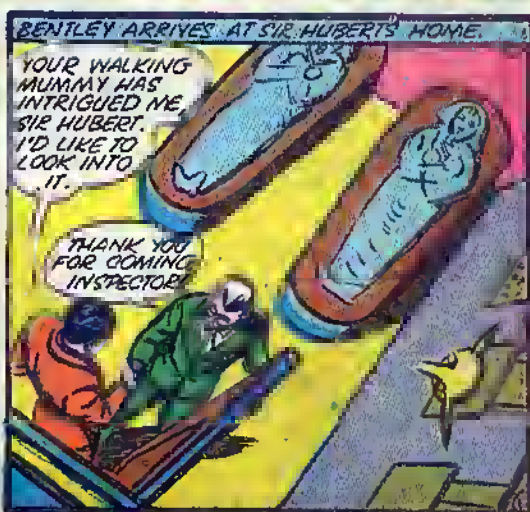


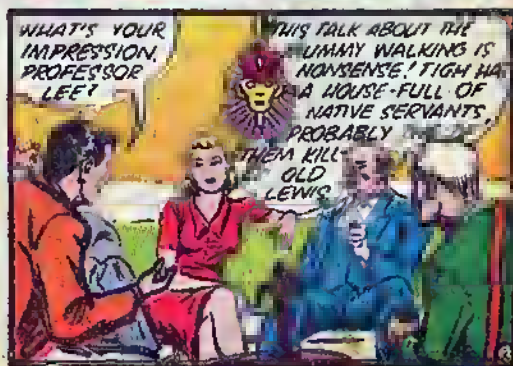
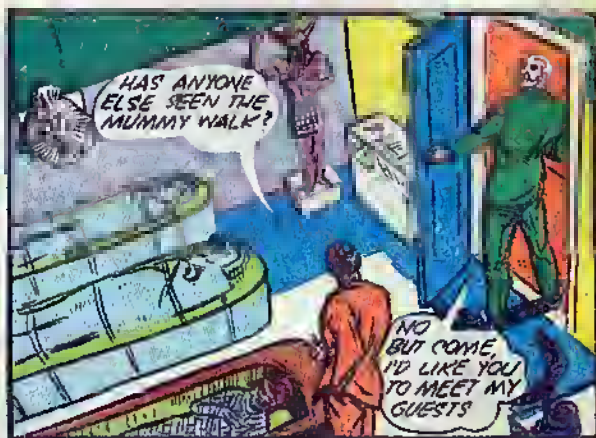
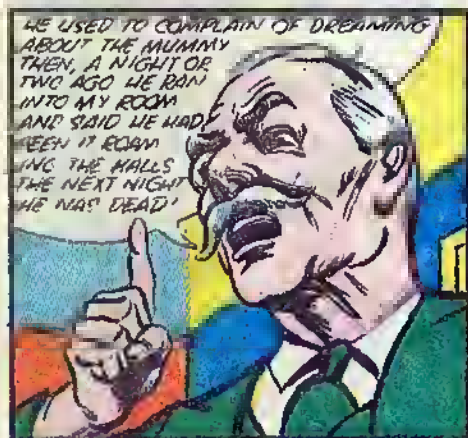
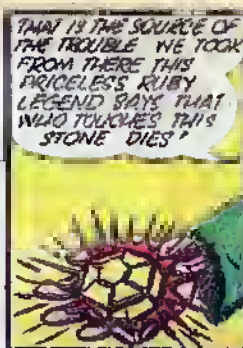
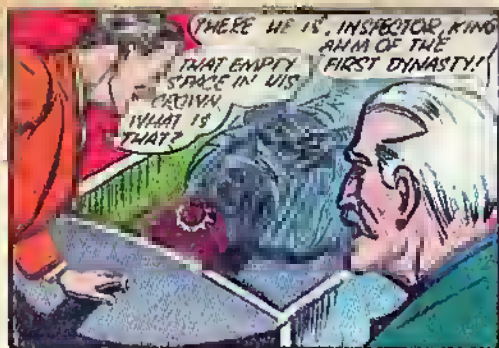


BENTLEY of SCOTLAND YARD

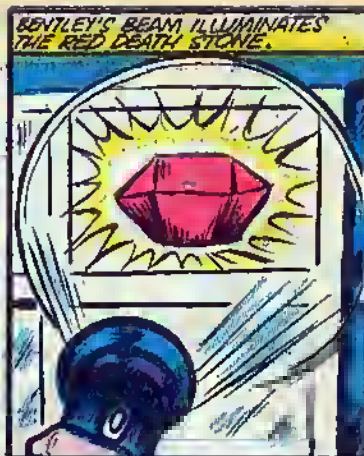
THE CURSE OF THE PHAROAH'S FOLLOWS THE MUMMY OF KING AHM TO THE HOME OF SIR HUBERT TIGH, FAMED EGYPTOLOGIST WHO HAS RETURNED TO ENGLAND FROM A RECENT EXPEDITION. THEN, ONE NIGHT, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SIR HUBERT'S EXPEDITION IS FOUND DEAD!

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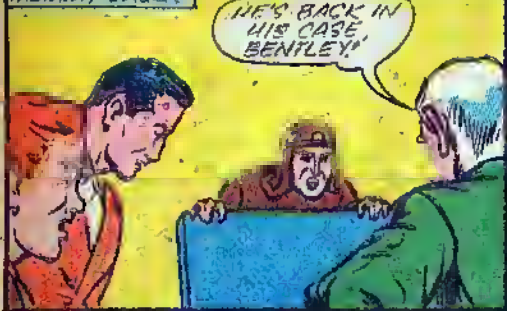






BENTLEY ORDERS AHMID TO OPEN THE MUMMY CASE.

HE'S BACK IN HIS CASE, BENTLEY!



FOR MY PART HE CAN STAY THERE. I WOULDN'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM, SIR HUBERT. WE'LL GET YOU FULL OF UNT.



YOU'RE JOKING, AREN'T YOU, BENTLEY? THE EGYPTIANS USED NO COTTON IN MUMMIFICATION.



WELL, MY MUMMY GOT ME FULL OF IT.

I DON'T GET IT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN INSPECTOR?



I MEAN THAT MY MUMMY WAS OF MORE RECENT VINTAGE.

INSPECTOR! THE RUBY! IT'S GONE! THOUGHT IT WOULD BE, SIR HUBERT.

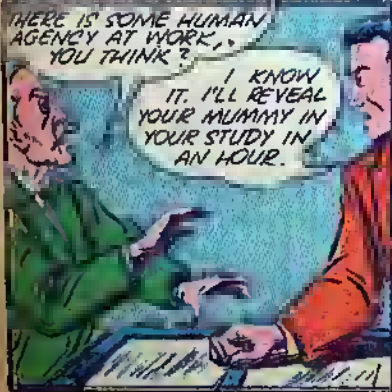


YOU MEAN YOU KNEW THIS THEFT WAS TO TAKE PLACE, AND -



I MEAN THAT WHOEVER ATTACKED ME WAS MASQUERADING AS THE MUMMY.

THERE IS SOME HUMAN AGENCY AT WORK, YOU THINK?



I KNOW IT. I'LL REVEAL YOUR MUMMY IN YOUR STUDY IN AN HOUR.

LATER, IN HIS ROOM, BENTLEY QUESTIONS AHMID.



TELL ME, AHMID, WHO IN THIS HOUSE IS LEFT-HANDED?

MASTER DAW, AND MISS LEE, SAHIB. THE MASTER IS EQUALLY DEXTEROUS WITH BOTH HANDS AS AM I.

INSPECTOR BENTLEY KNOWS WHO THE KILLER IS. DO MARK YOUR CHOICE AGAINST THE LIST BELOW, THEN TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE SOLUTION!

- AHMID.....
- TOM DAW....
- BABS....
- SIR HUBERT....

